



ATTENDANCE

Present: Aaron Loewen, Andrew Zhang, Ashni Gill, Axel Hauduc, Charf Khalifa, Claire Thorimbert, Davi Monticelli, Devarsh Bhonde, Gursharn Sandhu, Jenny Lee, Karen Leung, Kimani Karangu, Lily Hart, Leila Matte-Kaci, Maria Mawyin, Mohamed Kamel, Natalie Cappe, Parker Li, Sam Kenston, Sofie McComb, Sophie Haque, Taryn Scarff, Teesha Luehr Temitayo Olarewaju, William Canero, Yundi Wang, Yuran Zhang, Bethany Adair, Pauahi Souza, Rachel Philips, Sarah Park, Perrin Waldock, Conny Lin.

Regrets:

Absent: Aditi Nagaraj Nallan, Bukola Mary Ibitoye, Carmen Watson, Ezra Yu, Georgia Yee, Ginny Pichler, Jackson Schumacher, Kira Vandermeulen, Lisa White Louise Harding, Max Holmes, Nevena Rebic, Sandeep Gill, Saumadritaa Kar, Sirajul Momin, Torin McLachlan, Mohammadali Shamsavari, Mopelola Akinlaja.

Quorum: 16 Councillors

CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order at 5:40 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: Bethany Adair

SECONDER: William Canero

RESULT: Carried

AGENDA ADOPTION

BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

MOVER: William Canero

SECONDER: Claire Thorimbert

RESULT: Carried

FOR (13): Axel Hauduc, Aaron Loewen, Jenny Lee, Yundi Wang, Andrew Zang, Sofie McComb, Ashni Gill, William Canero, Kimani Karangu, Claire Thorimbert, Charf Khalifa, Taryn Scarf, Bethany Adair.

DISCUSSION



Perrin: Motion to move the committee seatings after section 4.2 of agenda

MOVER: Perrin Waldock

SECONDER: William Canero

RESULT: Carried

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President: Thank you so much. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, and also the presenters that are presented ideas before this as a way to do our traditional and planted knowledge acknowledgement for UBC, Vancouver and on behalf of the GSS, UBC, I would like to acknowledge that UBC Vancouver Point Grey campus is situated on the traditional ancestral unceded territory of the Musqueam people. I would also like to acknowledge that you're all joining us today from many places near and far and acknowledge the traditional owners and caretakers of those islands. Madonna Because we also want to acknowledge all the members and presenters we have right. And also lets you know that we, as of last month, know, this month on the seventh, Victoria, our former a left and now we have Maria, who is with us today. She is there in that position for the last I think, few weeks. So if you realize there is delays from my end, or from the office of the Okay, please bear with us. We are doing our best. In that said, Madam Speaker. Thank you so much. And welcome, all to our meeting today.

INTRODUCTION

1 EXPENDIENT 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 STUDENT CARE PLAN

Responsible: Sophia Haque

Description: Graduate Studentcare Plan overview and Utilization summary

Time: 15 minutes

Objective: Updates

Relevant materials: [Studentcare](#)

DISCUSSION

Sam: Thank you very much, Sofia for your presentation. And I appreciate the great work you and your team. Do. I do have a question about? I've seen the amount. students utilize that, a little over 4 million. But do you have any figure knowing that UBC, especially, let's say, the student bodies about 50,000, but the graduate students is about 10,000. And since we are mandated to pay this health and dental services fee in our tuition, do you have an idea about how many percent of graduate students utilize these services?

Sophia: Great questions. So unfortunately, the way that we receive data from UBC, our data team is not able to determine if an individual is an undergraduate or a graduate student. However, I will note that the UBC student plan is



one of their unique plans that both the undergrads and grad students are combined together. There are other schools in the country with that model, but it's not necessarily the norm. And having the experience for many student plans are separated between undergraduate and graduate student plan options, I can definitely tell you that of the two graduate students or higher plan users, your age demographic tends to be a little bit older. And you are more aware of how to access health plan services. And so on campuses where the graduate student plan is separate from the undergraduate student plan. Typically, the grad plan costs about two times, sometimes three times more than what the student plan, the undergraduate student plan costs. So I can't answer the exact breakdown of what percentage of UBC grad students versus undergrads to use it. But in general, applying the concept of how plans operate across the country, I can assure you that the graduate students here probably getting a really great deal in having the plans combined with the undergraduate population.

Sam: Okay, thank you very much. And just a quick follow up. I appreciate that you do not have the details. But in my role as the VP students, I realized graduate students are very busy. And most of them do not also know some of the benefits at their disposal. What would you say is your assessment about the knowledge, general knowledge of graduate students about this? Let me give myself as an example, I have a family I have two kids, and they are registered on this. But I do realize most of the medicines are not covered. So I told myself, what is the point in registering them paying over 500? If the medicines whenever I submit my claims, they said, This is not covered, this is not covered? Is this a general feeling? Or is this just a unique feeling? How many graduate students do you think in your assessment uses this service?

Sophia: I can say, well, two things. Number one for you, personally, I would recommend you reach out to you can either reach out to me separately, come on, he has my contact information or to routine because if you're if any prescription medications are getting denied, there is a drug exception process that is an exceptional process in place for students to help you get any medicine that's not covered by the Fair PharmaCare formulary, which is the provincial formulary, it is possible for you to get some coverage for them. That's that's the knowledge or general knowledge for everyone in the room to know. But I think you'd be helpful in your case as well. And number two, a number of orientation events across during the year and some of them are actually graduate student focus. So we work with your office to organize various orientations. Usually we do one in the fall and one in the spring. And the graduate student orientations, or info sessions are amongst the most well attended with the most engaged audience with question. I think the one that we held this past September had over 70 people in attendance and they were there were quite engaged. So one way I think we could maybe more precisely answer that question would be to maybe run a student survey. In our surveys, we could ask for a student to self identify as either a graduate student or undergraduate students and ask them about their plan awareness. But otherwise, I think it's difficult for me to speculate in previous surveys that we have done. Typically graduate student awareness is up there. But again, that's something that fluctuates year to year, right. So it's we've been living through a pandemic year, graduate students in particular have had a very different lived experience in pursuing their studies, having, you know, we're likely to have families and so it's likely that there may have been a dip. It's possible that there may have been a dip anywhere So we are, we are here to work with you. We have a team here, based in Vancouver, it's so we can either facilitate more information sessions, where promotional material to send to your communications team to put out through your social media channels. So there are options to improve it. And a survey is the only way to truly measure it, I would say.

1.2 FEEDBACK ON ORIENTATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING

Responsible: Parker Li, graduate.gpsambassador@ubc.ca

Time: 15 mins

Description: Consultation



Objective: Feedback consultation

Relevant Materials: [G+PS Feedback on Orientation Events and Programming](#)

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Council minutes be approved:

- [October 21, 2021](#)

MOVER: William Canero **SECONDER:** Leila Matte-Kaci **RESULT:** Carried

2.2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Committee minutes be approved:

Academic & External Committee:		House Finance Committee:	October 12,2021 October 20, 2021
Code and Policy Committee:		Human Resources Committee:	
Elections Committee:	August 10, 2021 August 25, 2021 September 30,2021	Services Committee:	August 25, 2021
Executive Committee:	October 8, 2021	AMS Caucus:	
Executive Oversight Committee:		Graduate Council Caucus:	
Governance & Accountability Committee:	August 11, 2021 August 31, 2021 October 27, 2021	Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee:	
All-Chairs Meeting:	October 8, 2021		

MOVER: Kimani Karangu **SECONDER:** William Canero **RESULT:** Carried

3 SEATINGS

3.1 NEW COUNCILLORS

BIRT the following Seating of new Councillors be approved:



Name	Department
Gursharn Kaur Sandhu	Law
Sirajul Momin Mustafa	Forestry

MOVER: William Canero **SECONDER:** Andrew Zhang **RESULT:** Carried

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:

Committee/Caucus	Nominee	Position	Vacancies
AMS Caucus		Representative	1
Graduate Council		Representative	0
Health and Dental Plan Caucus		Representative	0

MOVER: Kimani Karangu **SECONDER:** William Canero **RESULT:** Carried

Discussion

Kimani: I wish to speak to the members here, especially the new members that just got voted in, to consider themselves to be voted in as one of the representatives to the AMS caucus for a few reasons. And I will just highlight maybe one or two, you know, as an AMS caucus representative to the to that particular body you get to represent our issues when I mean hours I'm talking about graduate students issues that as I said last time may go unnoticed by people who have gone no experience on graduate student issues. Number two, you also get to, you know, exercise your leadership skills and gain more skills as well when you're doing all this. And of course, it also looks good on your CV sometime later in the down the line and most and above all, you're also serving your own constituency of the graduate student of UBC. So thank you so much, Madam Speaker as members consider to join the AMS caucus.

3.3 COMMITTEE SEATINGS

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BIRT the following Committee seatings be approved:

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Academic & External Affairs		Councillor	1
		Ordinary Member	2
Code & Policy		Councillor	4
		Ordinary Member	1
Elections		Councillor	5
		Ordinary Member	2
Executive Oversight		Councillor	5
		Ordinary Member	1
Governance & Accountability		Councillor	2
		Ordinary Member	3
House Finance		Councillor	4
		Ordinary Member	1
Human Resources		Councillor	0
		Ordinary Member	4
Services		Councillor	5
		Ordinary Member	2
Strategic Planning ad-hoc		Councillor	1
		Ordinary Member	1

MOVER: President

SECONDER: Sam Kenston

RESULT: Carried

For (12): Axel Hauduc, Leila Matte-Kaci, Aaron Loewen, Elections Chair, Andrew Zang, Teesha Luehr, William Canero, Ashni Gill, Taryn Scarff, Jenny Lee, Claire Thorimbert, Sofie McComb.

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 November 2022:

Name of Affiliate Organization	Representative
Creative Writing Student Association	Cara DiGirolamo
Cell Biology and Physiology Graduate Society	Katie Clayworth
Forestry Graduate Student Association	Sofie McComb



Rehabilitation Sciences Student Executive Committee (RSEC)	Gordon Tao
BC Cancer Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Society (GrasPods)	James Wells
Geography Graduate Association (GGA)	Cristopher Reimer
CHBE Graduate Student Council	Chaferddine Khalifa

MOVER: VP Students **SECONDER** Kimani Karangu **RESULT:** Carried

For (14): Axel Hauduc , Teesha Luehr , Kimani Karangu, Jenny Lee, Leila Matte-Kaci, Ashni Gill, Sam Kenston, Davi Monticelli , Aaron Loewen, Claire Thorimbert, Sofie McComb , Taryn Scarff , William Canero.

4.2 REFERENDUM RESULTS

Responsible: Kimani Karangu (GSS President)

Description: Ratification of referendum results

Time: 10 min

Objective: Update and decision

Relevant materials: [Referendum Results](#) [GSS Updates](#)

BIRT: The Council approves and ratifies the results of the GSS referendum 2021

MOVER: William Canero **SECONDER:** Jenny Lee **RESULT:** Carried

For (14): Sofie McComb, Andrew Zang , Yuran Zhang, Sam Kenston, William Canero, Charf Khalifa, Jenny Lee, Aaron Loewen, Leila Matte-Kaci , Claire Thorimbert, Axel Hauduc, Taryn Scarff , Kimani Karangu, Ashni Gill. **Abstain (1):** Davi Monticelli

Discussion

Kimani: So I have a few slides here to make a very brief updates and also presentation. Thank you so much. First of all, I want to start by thanking all of you members for having put out the word out there that we were running a very attended 21 referendum, it was well addressed and the turnout was historical magnificent thank you so much. I wanted to put that one out there. So for this, I'm just going to just to give you an all of you I know some of you may have seen these one happening. And you have seen the the results themselves and for the new members that are here. And I know we are hiding behind the scenes and behind the screen. These are the members that have been there, you know, the background trying to push things ahead. The members here we have Buuren who is our new VP QA you all voted her last council in Ashley's there and some and of course our finance and executive officer tile that the team that forms the executive team and I also want to special shout out to elections committee the GNA and the the our E s E O that is identical. For having brought this turnout, we had about 1045 that is 9.1 of the 11,000 Student class that we have and that are qualified to be able to vote in our elections. And of course, we use the AMS simple voting electronic system. And moving forward, we also going to consider using the same or alloys. This is how the the five questions that we did put happen to be voted. And as you can see all the the questions and everything we are overwhelmingly supported with the, you know, significant numbers. We only need about 600 people to participate in



any referendum to be quoted, and we also need about 400 votes for members to say yes, so that an item or the motion can pass. And as you can tell, we have 801 all the way to 925 votes and going forward. So, having said that, this is how most some of these questions are carried through. This was their by law amendment on executive hours, and remuneration. And as you can tell, we know that this has been a very big issue, most of those who have been our committee chairs know about some of these issues that we've been trying to address for a long time. And I'm very happy that this one has seen the light of the day that now the you know, your elected executives can somehow be given the leeway to maximize their hours in office. And of course, that one will be reflected elsewhere. So that how it went and of course, 84.5% of the members said, yes, these need to go forward. And of course, we had a few here and there abstaining members. The other one was about the dissolution of Elections Committee. And of course, you see 90% point five of the people said, Yes, let's go ahead and dissolve these. And I'm happy that elections and as well as services committee have worked very hard, like I think from last year, to make sure that these one comes, again, to see the light of the day. So thank you so much. The two respective committee chairs that I've seen these will go head that is varying services, and sharp in elections. Thank you so much. And for that good work, 89% said yes, to dissolve Services Committee. And this is very high kind of what we call them overview. And of course, we had the the other one that was supposed to constitute now what after we dissolved the two committees, we constituted one committee. So what we did is not like, you know, in political term or bylaw term, we talked about talked of dissolving them. But in other times what we are trying to achieve by that is putting these two committees together, in what now you're calling engagement and election committee, this is to make more logic of whatever work that the GSS and the chairs of our committees and a committee constituted, can be able to achieve. So nine to 1%, appoint one of our members said yes, let us go ahead and constitute the engagement and elections committee and parent. I think I will take this moment to apologize for having not seen your point at the beginning. And I apologize for that. So I support fully that we move ahead in the next step to constituting this committee as soon as we can. And after this meeting today. And last but not least, we of course, we had what we call the finance and executive oversight officer position, which is now restructured or which is supposed to be restructured. Following the direction of this referendum, most of you will know that we do select or appoint our FBO during the July council meeting, who takes over the office in August. But in this situation, what has happened and happen is that the motion separated the office of the FE Oh into two. Now, we shall have the finance officer who particularly deal with our budgeting and we'll be responsible of many things that are happening at the HF committee. And then we'll have constituted the EEOC that is the election executive Oversight Committee, which will now be chaired by regular chair who will not sit at the executive committee as it has always been and now the FTO or the F O as will be known will be allowed to come in Sit at the executive committee, and differently with the voting powers. Initially, our fuel did not have a vote at the executive committee. So 91% point four of the members said, yes, let's separate these two issues for smooth running of the society. And I would want to wish sick members that, you know, some of these amendments, I think they will take effect as soon as we can. And I would urge the committees responsible to act with the speed to make sure that these amendments are reflected and acted upon, because I think some of them, especially like, for example, the one that is supposed to be aligning the number of hours our executives do work is way overdue. And I think that need to be addressed as soon as possible. And, of course, the issue of the F office, we also know that some power, it's time that we start submitting our goals. And we need now to constitute data as soon as possible, and also bring the chair of EEOC to speed into book. So with that, members, I want to say thank you for ratification of whatever we have just done because I think the vote went through and that is exactly what you did. These changes will be recorded, and of course, all changes made to our bylaws, because our our societies. Guided or it's bound, we report to register of societies and organizations in Victoria, that one is going to be documented to make sure that they also know these changes have taken place. I will stop there and ask for any question clarification. And thank you so much, everybody for doing that.



Davi: So I would like to ask everybody that is present here, if they are comfortable with moving this forward with having less than 10% of the people that could be part of the election actually voting. Personally, I don't feel comfortable at all with this and I disagree with the President that this was a good election I guess are good morning because we don't we do not have any. We had engagement but was so few people. So yeah, that's that's the point I would like to bring to discussion.

Kimani: Yeah. Yeah, thank you so much, Davi for that point of concern. Unfortunately, we do have a bylaw that guides us and that directs us what we should do and what we should consider to have been successful. And if you follow the, the what has happened, especially with when it comes to engagement with voting, and as I said, and as a and I think I'm going to maybe say it again, our bylaw tells us clearly that any referendum should be considered to have passed, where we have about 600 people participating. And of those 600 people, if 400 of those people say yes, then the vote is carried and it is a positive one. And in that even when you look at other things that I have carried out how happened in even in general elections, when we have offices vacant, we have raised the bar, but I think yeah, I can, you know, and I could, of course, even at this particular time, maybe ask our speaker who happened to have been one of the President of the GSS to respond to you and also who understand some of these parliamentary happenings, Madam Speaker, do you want to?

Speaker: I will speak as just the speakers role to interpret the bylaws and policy on behalf of the President. So in this case, because according to our bylaws we have the membership has passed this referendum and the decision has been made. If we want to revert it This decision, if the council feels like we need to revert this decision, that means you have to go to the membership itself to report this decision. This council has absolutely no power to overturn the decision has been made in accordance to bylaws by referendum, or during AGM. I hope that's clear.

Davi: Yeah, I just, I just want to bring the discussion. Perhaps if we imagine this is not GSS, this is a different. I don't know, maybe the City Hall, maybe the government of BC, something that we could relate to this kind of action? Imagine that we have less than 10% of the voters. And they say they can move forward because of the bylaws of the government? I, I don't think that's correct. That's, that's all I want to say, I don't think that's correct. I don't think we should hide in our bylaws, I know we have an obligation to do so now that everything went forward. But I don't think we should hide behind the bylaws, we actually should pursue more engagement. Because if for every voting here forward, we have less than 10%. And we still are moving things forward, we might not be at representing the community that we have, which is the graduate students. So yeah, I'm not satisfied at all with with this. But again, this is just something that I want to bring to a discussion, I do think the all the things that we voted are important. I participated in this voting session, I'm just very disappointed with the engagement that we got in the fact that we can actually move forward with such a low engagement.

Sam: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And I just want to give some background, from my experience with the GSS. I can confidently tell you Davi that what you are saying is good, and sounds appealing. But its practicality is hard as the VP students. When I came to office, one of the things I intended to do was to engage with wider Students Society, but haven't been in office for just about six months, I can tell you graduate students are very busy. And even in my own cohort, my classmates, I pleaded with them to sign this referendum to vote. They told me no, this is not part of my agenda. And we are very busy. So yes, it sounds good. In reality, we need high turnout. But the practicality of it is very hard. We organize program that is free, absolutely free for graduate students. It's been marketed very well, in our newsletter, emails have been sent out, as I've been informed to tell their members and yet you still 20 to 30 people show up. So I can tell you, your point is very good. That sometimes we need to just go with our bylaws, because if we want to keep changing things, we may be rather moving backward rather than forward. That's my experience.



William: I lost the button. I understand the concerns you have today about engagement. I used to work for the city of Burnaby. And engagement is a really hot topic. We don't get a lot of engagements and where we want to add referendums or bylaws are generally made by people at the table. And those who came to the table with the people who voted in the referendum. And that's just how it played out. We are not a city governments. We are not the province. We're actually governed by the society's act. I sit on a handful of nonprofits in Vancouver that deal with ethnic protections, arts and culture, mainly arts and culture. And the bylaws states fair societies that they can be as low as 10%. That limited actually doesn't exist. And so when the GSS, set that limit to 10%, that was then being proactive. We've met that 10% Quorum the necessary voting amounts, and I don't see a problem. And I think it's important that we move the conversation forward.

Kimani: Thank you so much, Madam Speaker, Madam Speaker, I would want to speak from a point of history where, and I think our my, my people who have talked before me can attest to this, in terms of engagements. And thank you so much sample for pointing that out. And I would also want maybe members to kindly go on and Google the results that as you know, come before this one, including our last years referendum that we ran, which I think had a lower turnout than this one. And I think, Madam Speaker, what I can hear from the member here is about maybe the member is suggesting that we should change the bylaws, to maybe reflect, to change that bylaw that allows us to engage our members, you know, in this kind of a way, which again, will also lead us to the same point. And I think I would want to join William and say this discussion and conversation needs to go forward, it would be our wish that, you know, when a president or a VP or a referendum is called, we have like about nine or 6000 people participating in it, which is a good thing to think about, but realistically, Madam Speaker, it's not feasible

Davi: I just want to perhaps close the discussion with a hook of the of what the President said with everything that was put on the table, I do think that we should change the bylaws and increase increase his engagement. Otherwise, unfortunately, the feeling is that we are not doing our job properly. We are doing changes which are important, which are essentially yes to the to the graduate community without their approval. I am not comfortable at all of this. So it what we need to do is increase the bar, I guess that's also are part of the job. I forgot the term that somebody using before that GSS was the first one to do. So. We should be the first ones again, to increase the bar, I guess

Andrew: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you to the member for raising these concerns. I definitely agree with you, Madam Speaker. This is quite a heated topic. I feel like I'm getting kind of heated, just listen to it, which is why I'm kind of chiming in. Fully in agreement with the member here. Of course, as much representation as possible is good. I don't really want to kind of rehash things that have already been said, by the other members of this council. I just want to kind of add my part two, it during the time that I was doing some work for the services committee. And also doing some work trying to help out the Elections Committee. Having engagement is quite a complicated beast. It's very easy to just sit on the sidelines and be like, there's not enough engagement. And believe me, I've been there, you know, I sat on the sidelines, watching certain societies going, hey, they could do better for engagement. But it's actually very, very difficult. If if the member has any ideas for how to increase engagement, how to really get that kind of objective of cheat. I think that's definitely very beneficial. So of course, if the member has any ideas, I think we we can all agree that we work on that. One of the other things that we started doing is we started looking into this joint committee between the elections and the service committee. And we also kind of named it the Engagement Committee, because we recognize that engagement was such a big issue. I am completely in disagreement that we should change the rules and set the bar higher. I'm of the opinion that then nothing would get done. I think a lot of people will agree with me here. If we're in a point in time where we have achieved enough engagement goals too. have created a situation where we could increase the bar, then by all means that's absolutely a reasonable discussion. I think right now as things are, the discussion should not be whether or not we should raise the bar, the discussion should be how should we continue to improve engagement. And I think that's something that every part of the



society is interested in. So I'm happy that we're bringing this up. But yeah, that's that's kind of my piece on the matter. Thank you. Thank you.

Kimani: Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. And, um, I think, thank you so much, Andrew, for saying most of what I wanted to say, I also wanted to give another example of whatever we have at the moment in this house today, Madam Speaker, we are supposed to be so many of us, if all the parliament were to be represented in this one, and we have even moved a few amendments to make sure that members come to these cancel. But as you can tell, Madam Speaker, if our you know, we go to the minimum quorum of Council, which is 16, of our registered members. So I think I think I would want maybe to have a side, Fireside Chat with Davi and see how maybe what other ideas he has on, you know, on the side that we can maybe put into play that would potentially help us to bring these members that are hiding somewhere out there, and will be so so much willing to cooperate and also bring on board? You know, I'm maybe they're good ideas that we have not yet maybe utilized. But again, we are doing the best that we can and I think Andrew has mentioned it, one of the reasons as to why we even had to bring these two committees together, Madam Speaker, was because it concerns that we want to increase our engagement with our attend 11,000 Plus members. So thank you, Madam Speaker. And the speakers have spoken before me.

William: I'm also interested in this conversation about engagement, how it's really good. That Council is excited about this and really wants to talk about this. I'm going to plug the next action or proposal that just the seeding of the elections and Engagement Committee, if you're interested in improving engagement within the GSS, please feel free to join it. And I hope that was not off topic.

Sam: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And you saw we shouldn't do that. But what I wanted to say is what I usually say, whenever there is a nomination or election, where I don't want to see the losing candidates, but the candidates were unsuccessful, I encourage them to continue to engage with GSS to volunteer their time. And what happens, we never see them again. But I want to throw a friendly request to my fellow council member that he could join the committee. And maybe we can all help move GSS forward. Thank you.

Davi: I just want to thank everybody for the discussion. And also think the offer or the recommendation for the Engagement Committee. Last meeting, if I recall, there was also an offer from the finances one because of a question that I made. But yeah, I very much appreciate all that. I don't know, like you said, we are graduate students. We are busy. I don't know if I'll have time to join another committee. But I like to discuss those things. So if I can be somewhat included in the discussion, so I'll be happy to do it. And I do have some suggestions. So that's all.

4.2 B SEATING OF THE ELECTIONS & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE BE APPROVED:

BIRT the following seatings on the Elections & Engagement Committee be approved:

Committee/Caucus	Nominee	Position	Vacancies
Elections & Engagement	Taryn Scarff William Canero Charf Khalifa	Councillor	2
	Brook L. Haight Perrin Waldock Vivian Zhang Mostafa Hagar	Ordinary Member	0



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MOVER: Kimani Karangu

SECONDER: William Canero

RESULT: Carried

For (14): Aaron Lowen, William Canero, Axel Hauduc, Taryn Scarff, Kimani Karangu, Jenny Lee, Sam Kenston, Sofie McComb, Claire Torimbert, Yuran Zhang, Leila Matte-Kaci, Andrew Zhang, Ashni Gill, Davi Monticelli.

DISCUSSION

Perrin: Okay, so the elections Engagement Committee is intended to basically be the committee that combines the roles of the previous election committee and Services Committee. At the goal of the election will be to or to the goal of committee will be twofold. First of all, it will run the electrodes perform the high level duties of running elections. So putting together the elections, like the smaller committee that runs the day to day aspects of the elections. The other thing that we'll focus on for the rest of the year is how to improve engagement with the GSS as has been noted at length earlier in this meeting, student engagement with the GSS is low and the primary goal of this committee will be to try to boost engagement whether it's getting students excited with the GSS or just identifying what students really need and help them move forward. This is the overall goal of the community. However, the exact direction it will go and of course will be decided by its members and who chooses to join it now so if you're interested in boosting engagement with the GSS and you want to do a bit of more social work where you hopefully plan events and kind of work figure out what students want as well as do a little bit of more policy work when it comes to the election side. This is a great committee for you to join

4.2 C ELECTIONS OF THE CHAIR FOR ELECTIONS & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

BIRT Charf Khalifa be appointed as the Chair of the Elections & Engagement Committee

MOVER: Leila Matte-Kaci

SECONDER: Andrew Zhang

RESULT: Carried

For (13): Axel Hauduc , Charf Khalifa, Aaron Lowen, Sofie McComb, Ashni Gill, Claire Thorimbert , William Canero , Yuran Zhang, Andrew Zang, Leila Matte-Kaci , Jenny Lee, Taryn Scarff, Davi Monticelli.

4.3 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Responsible: Ashni Gill and Natalie Cappe

Time: 15 min

Description: To explain the importance of the graduate student alliance and what signing the MOU would mean for the GSS.

Objective: Presentation of MOU and seeking approval

Relevant materials: [Memorandum of understanding Presentation](#)

BIRT the Council approve and signs the MOU for the Graduate Students of Canada

MOVER: Ashni Gill

SECONDER: Kimani Karangu

RESULT: Carried



DISCUSSION

Ashni: I'm your VP external. And today with me, we have Natalie Cappe, the GSS external policy assistant. So the purpose of this short presentation is just to bring to you our memorandum of understanding for the Alliance of graduate students of Canada. The MOU has been sent to council beforehand. So hopefully everyone's had the opportunity to read it.

Natalie: My name is Natalie Cappe. I'm the external policy assistant. So I do a lot of work behind the scenes. But it's really nice to be at Council today and be with all of you this evening. I'm just going to give you a bit of background about why we initiated a Graduate Student Alliance in the first place within Canada, and the purpose that it can serve to us as the UBC GSS. So what the previous Vice President of External Relations LR as a community, we identified a distinct need for a federal alliance that represents the needs of graduate students in particular, so many of you are likely familiar with organizations like Casa CFS, and APCs, which we do have a working partnership with. One of the drawbacks we identified with joining some of these groups is number one, they tend to have pretty substantial fees. But most importantly is they're really dominated by undergraduate voices. And that makes sense because these institutions have primarily undergraduate students. But with this, if when we went to engage in some federal and provincial advocacy initiatives, we definitely get overpowered by the needs of undergraduate students in tend to only have one to two policy recommendations or big asks, were able to, to, to have in some of these engagements. Another thing about these federal and provincial organizations is they do require a pretty significant time commitment. And as graduate students, as you all know, we have really big and pretty important deadlines to reach on a fairly regular basis. And it can be hard to comply to some of the schedules of some of these organizations. So we also noticing a need for some some sense of informality in some collective advocacy initiatives, which is part of the reason we were looking to start in a Graduate Student Alliance of our own. So just a little bit more context, where you originally what the previous VP external and I did in the fall of last year is we reached out to graduate student organizations from across the country. We started with the 15 institutions. And if you're not familiar with that term, it really just refers to the top research intensive universities in Canada, and had one on one meetings with their presidents and vice president external relations, to see if people were interested in creating our own federal advocacy channel through an informal Alliance. And we actually we had a lot of enthusiasm. People were also feeling the need that our voices at the federal government were not as strong as some undergraduate students. And we, we started meeting on a regular basis. And by May of 2021, we had 14 of the 15, you 15 organized or institutions interested in something like this. And we are now looking to potentially expand this alliance to include universities outside of the 15. But we'll chat a little bit more about that later on. I'm just going to pass it off to OSH neat, who's going to further explain the reason why an organization like this will be beneficial to us.

Ashni: Thanks, Natalie. Okay, so you might be thinking, why is this alliance so necessary? So as a collective graduate students have the ability to advocate for changes that impact our work life and academic environments? So, some common goals and a unified voice strengthens our advocacy See efforts and leads us to amplify our presence in the government. So ultimately, this alliance will lead to more effective advocacy, a stronger presence of graduate students on a national stage, a louder voice and our alignment of common goals across the institutions in Canada. So some of the priorities that have been identified by the institution so far include graduate student funding, sexualized violence, awareness, education and training across campuses, climate change, permanent residency for international students after graduation, increase access to mental health services, and an improved support for graduate students with families. So these priorities lead us to an environment where barriers can be removed and allow graduate students to



prosper. I mentioned, I or maybe I haven't mentioned, but I am the chairperson of the graduate students of Canada, I was elected an office, he is the president of the University of Alberta GSA, and he was elected as the Vice Chairperson.

Natalie: And I've been involved. So I don't have a formal role in this organization, per se. However, because I was, I served the role of external policy assistant last year, I've helped maintain some of the external relationships we have with some of these organizations. And I do a lot of admin research, scheduling of meetings, facilitation of meetings, and just ensuring that all of our work is being filed in a place where we can help ensure that in future years, if this alliance is to exist, that they have a basis from which they can look back on and see what's been done and how we've operated in the past. I'll just speak briefly about the structure of this alliance, this organization, it's pretty clearly explained in the Memorandum of Understanding document. But just to emphasize some of the most important points is, this is an extremely collaborative group, people are putting in the time and the effort that they they have the capacity to do, and we make decisions as a collective. So part of the reason we want an MOU is to have a more streamlined and formal process in which we can collaborate and make decisions together. Ashley is going to speak to that more specifically later on. Something that makes this alliance unique from other graduate student organizations or advocacy organizations representing students is our easy in easy out policy. And that's because some organizations require signing of contracts and just fees that make it really difficult to leave. But truly with this alliance, our goal is for anyone who wants to join for them to simply sign our MOU. And if they choose not to be part of this for whatever reason anymore, it's it's simple, just taking the name away. And just next slide, I just going to talk to some of the successes of how this structure has really served us well in our past initiatives. So we had our first meeting with delegates from institutions across Canada and November 2020. And that was a huge success. We had a lot of enthusiasm for the group, and a lot of a lot of anxiety around the fact that there weren't a lot of avenues for graduate student voices to be heard at the federal level. So it came at a good time that we we gathered together, we worked initially on an advocacy letter that really was meant to highlight to the federal government, the ways in which graduate students are different from undergraduate students and why we need specialized support. Because in past situations, we've found that federal government interventions for students are really geared towards undergraduate students because they are the dominant cohort. However, we tend to be overlooked. So the purpose of writing this letter was to get that information out into the open and to have policies designed for us to support us. One of the more notable initiatives we led was We sent out a press release about the mandatory hotel quarantine, and how it had the ability to disproportionately affect graduate students with the cost. And we were advocating for University Residences and other approved quarantine sites to be used for graduate students who needed to come to Canada for whatever reason. If they needed access to lab space, or simply just to complete their graduate student work, they needed to be in Canada, we were advocating for an exemption in the costs of hotel quarantines, or for University Residences to take them in instead. And we actually got some media attention for that. In this picture, you can see the formal VP X LR as a community being interviewed on global news BC, which was really exciting. The last major initiative we led was the collaborative development of the MOU that actually is going to speak about after this. But ultimately, we just wanted to showcase some of the ways in which this informal Alliance has already had a lot of success and a lot of really successful collaboration among different institutions.

Ashni: Okay, so the MOU is just a streamlined approval process to get support for joint initiatives. So the MOU is meant to broadly state the agreement of all parties involved in just give the members a structure to work with one another. And it's not legally binding. As Natalie mentioned, it's an easy and easy Oh policy. So from an external perspective, we'll look more unified and to help maintain order within the group and establish clear rules for everyone that was involved. So before we sign on the MOU, we need Council's approval. But maybe some individuals haven't read over the MOU yet. So I'm just going to go through a couple key points. So for verbatim, all statements and advocacy efforts of graduate students of Canada must align with the values, beliefs and interests of the parties as expressed by each party's representative. So for instance, for the UPC GSS, I would be the party representative.



Second, the voting members of the board of directors are composed, composed of one representative from each member, each member is entitled to a director and the director shall be an elected official of that member organization. Third, all expenses related to activities shall be paid in equal parts by all members, and maximum your yearly expenses should not exceed \$500 per member organization unless unanimously agreed upon by the board. And fourth, the Board of Directors shall be responsible for convening an annual graduate students of Canada summit with the goal of facilitating dialogue and exchange of ideas on issues facing graduate students across Canada. So for more details, please refer to the MOU. I know it was posted in the agenda just below that motion. But think that believes that brings us to the end of the presentation. And these are just some common questions that we often get. But yeah, thank you so much.

Kimani: Madam Speaker, thank you so much. Ashley Notley for that wonderful presentation. No, of course, I am happy that you carried on the work that was done by your predecessor, Madam Speaker, I want to speak strongly to support this particular motion. Particularly because I have seen the power in numbers and of course in collaboration and new collaborations, like this ones that do understand the needs of graduate students, not only in BC, but across campuses. In Canada, is one move that is very well and I think because I did participate in the initial stages where we came up with the most of The draft or the the beginning all culminating to asking for so much from the government and from the university. I think this is the way we need to go. And we can only do this and realize most of the things that we are asking that the university cannot do from our government through such representations because these are graduate student facing issues. So Madam Speaker, I want to say thank you so much the team and I support this particular motion

For (14): Aaron Loewen, Axel Hauduc, Jenny Lee, Yuran Zhang, Andrew Zang, Sofie McComb, Taryn Scarff, Claire Thorimbert, Charf Khalifa, Leila Matte-Kaci, Kimani Karangu, Davi Monticelli, Ginny Pichler, William Canero.

4.4 CONSTITUTING THE INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

Group Responsible: Governance & Accountability Committee

Description: A motion regarding constituting the Indigenous Engagement Ad Hoc Committee

Time: 10 minutes

Objective: To constitute the Indigenous Engagement Ad Hoc Committee

Relevant Materials: [Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee](#)

WHEREAS there is a need for increased indigenous engagement in the UBC graduate community, and

WHEREAS appropriate consultations need to be conducted with Indigenous stakeholders to create a set of culturally-relevant and mindful recommendations regarding Indigenous representation, engagement, equity, and reconciliation within the GSS, and

WHEREAS G&A recommends the constitution of an Ad-Hoc Committee to perform the consultations and develop reports,

BIRT the GSS Council, by ordinary resolution, strikes the "Indigenous Engagement Ad-Hoc Committee", with terms of reference as presented in the supporting document "Indigenous Engagement Ad-Hoc Committee Terms of Reference".

BIFRT the following Committee Seatings be approved:



Committee	Nominee	Position	Vacancies
Indigenous Engagement Ad-Hoc Committee	Xaanja Free (c) Raghavi Sundaram Pauahi Souza	Councillor or Ordinary Member	5 2 councillors max
		Governance & Accountability Representative	1

MOVER: Governance & Accountability Committee **SECONDER:** Pauahi Souza **RESULT:** Carried

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 COMMITTEE SMART GOALS END OF TERM PROGRESS REPORT

Group Responsible: Governance & Accountability Committee (Jenny)

Description: A presentation to Council

Time: 15 minutes

Objective: To present to Council the end of term progress report on committee SMART Goals

Relevant Materials: [SMART End of Term Report](#)

DISCUSSION

Jenny: It's that time of year where we'll be reporting on the committee and of term progress report for smart goals. And I'll be representing GNA to give a report on the wonderful job that everyone has done for this year cycle. To start off with a little bit of a background in March 2017, the GSS adopted the first ever GSS strategic plan, which was set to span five years from 2017 to 2021. And basically, to address this strategic plan each GSS executive committee and external representative were tasked with a set of goals they would be responsible for. And since the plan spans five years, the aim was to accomplish 1/5 of the goals every year. And we've now come to the end of 2021. And a lot of progress has been made to achieve the strapline. So congrats to everyone. And with the new year, we'll be working to address the new Strategic Plan goals set to spend from 2022 to 2026. And the fantastic people, the strat plan, ad hoc committee has been working hard to finalize this. So why set SMART goals two main reasons setting feasible and intentional goals, helps the GSS fulfill our strategic plan on schedule. And also they make it much easier to work towards successful completion of meaningful projects. So who set SMART goals, so GSS committees and caucuses as well as just as executives and the Fe O set SMART goals, G and A is responsible for tracking progress of committees, caucuses, as well as the FBO. An overview of this year's timeline. So this year, we had things pushed back a little because we were dealing with some effects of the pandemic. So this year, we had asked for smart goals initial SMART goals to be sent in by February, we reported them to council in March, we had a midterm report in July and now in November, we're presenting on the end of term progress. Here are some progress symbols that we have for a report we have a check mark for complete or almost complete goals, an exclamation mark for delayed but ongoing goals, a pulse for progress made but paused and a cross sign meaning little progress has been made. So without further ado,



I'll go over the great work that all the committees have done in terms of SMART goals. First off is CPC who has successfully completed the work on revising the policy manual. They're also continuing their work on drafting a more complete role for deputy chairs and formalizing the approach for elections during council meetings. They've had some issues with losing their data on teams. I'm sure we've all run into issues with teams, and hence leading to delays on the work so great work on all these goals despite the team's issues. Elections has either completed or almost completed all their goals they've completed their work with merging elections and services with which has just been passed with a referendum. And they've also come far with the goal of assessing and attempting to improve awareness of the GSS impact and relevance to graduate students and have almost completed that goal of developing an engagement manual. Great work elections. Next up is executive oversight committee who has successfully reviewed and passed all the bylaws and policy revision provisions regarding executive work hours and ruminations for the goal on creating an executive conflict resolution guideline. This is on pause as there is significant overlap with GNA school and we're seeing if we could collaborate on this for goal three on KPIs for executives. Little progress has been made, but Yosi have indicated that they'll be prioritizing this. And the aim is to complete this by next month. The top you'll see. And we see three check marks here for House Finance, they have completed their work with increasing the quality of the monthly budget actuals review sheet created a video as well as a supplementary document regarding the HF committee process to facilitate onboarding of new HF members and sign a contract for an impressive \$500,000 investment so that the GSS can have a long term revenue source. They also have an additional goal to generate ideas for use of revenue from investment. Fantastic work HF. And we see another three check marks for services who's been releasing monthly newsletters as well as a survey to better communicate with affiliated organizations. They've also held a happy hour at cornice pub to promote involvement and engagement with the GSS as well as again, along with elections, evaluate the merging of the services and elections committee through a work such as proposing Terms of Reference and bylaw changes, great work services. And we also have some committees and caucuses that have had a lot of chair and member turnovers and such were not able to make much progress on their smart goals. This includes the ACC X committee, the health the Human Resources Committee, as well as the grout Council caucus. And although they have not been able to work much for this cycle of SMART goals, they are now under new leadership as well as members. So GNA will be in communication with them to assist them with the new cycle of SMART goals. And finally, we have the AMS Council caucus who has a POS sign on all their goals. Reason being they had good progress as of the midterm review held in July. But soon after the representatives left their roles. And I believe recently they had new members seated. So we'll be in contact with them to see if they would want to continue working on these goals or create a new set of goals for the new cycle moving on. So what went great is overall all committees made great progress towards completing the goals and goals were smarter than before. What could have gone better is that obviously, there could have been better transition between Chairs and members so that it made things easier to actually work on the goals. Also, some committees struggled towards completing the goals, perhaps scope was an issue. So those are some things to think about for the next cycle. Next steps, we should all celebrate the hard work. Thank you so much for all the committee's working and communicating with God GNA on all the SMART goals. And then now we have our new cycle upcoming and are members of GMA should send an email out soon to request for the new cycle of SMART goals. So stay tuned for that. And lastly, we would love love to have your feedback. So if you guys have any ideas on how we could get make things better in terms of SMART goals, or if you have ideas on how we can better support your committees. Please send us an email and we'd be happy to discuss. Yeah, thank you. Thank you all for participating setting goals every year and thank you for listening

4.2 OCTOBER 2021 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Responsible: Financial and Executive Oversight Officer

Description: October 2021 GSS Financial Overview

Time: 15 minutes

Objective: Update on GSS Revenues and Expenditures

Relevant materials: [GSS Budget](#)
[Financial Presentation](#)



DISCUSSION

Tayo: This is a report of the October actuals. So why the GSSs was financially at the end of October, which was last month. So, again, October, Genesis had slightly below \$1.5 million in total. And this is a breakdown of how money is currently distributed. And this next page shows what was spent last month in October, what was budgeted and how that figure compares to same time last year. And the variance is calculated as the actuals minus the budget. Which is basically gives an overview of positive if it was positive compared to the budget, which is if slightly better, or if it was negative, which is slightly we, which means that we spend slightly more than anticipated according to the project. And this is a picture background of what occurred during the mornings. And so to go into the numbers, department 10 Men, it's basically the headquarters. So what how the money was spent in a way that doesn't directly concern an executive. And so the revenue highlights was that we received quite a pay high amounts of membership fees, which means that the membership fee was higher than budget that to the tune of about \$10,000. And we also received wage subsidies. And we also received rental income from three sources called Souders. And also, we also pointed out the foundation. And so the expenses highlights are that we paid out employee salaries and executive honoraria. We purchased some laptops, we paid for insurance. And we also paid out professional fees and some other fees levied by Digi by UBC. So in total net contribution was slightly above 200 and M \$200,000. And this was just slightly less than what we received same time last year. And the next department is the VP students. And the revenue highlights were that basically, program sales program and environments sales sales of about \$2,000. And the VP students department ended up spending about \$5,000 last month for student initiative and program cost. And the next is the President's department. And so we ended up spending we ended up having pi times two staff costs of close to \$5,000. And some other expenses which was slightly less than budget I'd have committee meetings council meetings and and other matters. And so in total this was the the total was just slightly more favorable than was done budget that departments, we had a revenue of about 21,000 approximately \$22,000 And this came from JSF A, which is a new fee levee. For by which each student here at UBC pays about 2.5 on each graduate student pays about 2.5. dollars for financial aid to get there was a resolution that actually passed at the last referendum until we received the first tranche of payments earlier last months and that is Due to that revenue of about 20 to \$22,000 accrued to the JSs. And in total the VPU is departments paid out about \$7,000 made up of students emergency phones and part time students cost and VP Exynos departments ended up spending a little less than \$2,000 and switches is shown here against a budget of less than \$2,000. And so, we did this means that it was slightly more he was actually more favorable than budget and the cost of what was spent is actually shown i here and so, in total, the GSS is obviously in a very good financial position, we have just a little less than \$1.5 million dollars in the bank and so please, please make any comments or suggestions will be will be welcome and additional big breakdown can be found in the supporting documents in the Thames folder and if you would like to have further discussions on this number, please, on these numbers, please consider joining HF. Thank you.

Kimani: Yeah, I just wanted to make a very tiny clarification on the amount of money that goes to the GS FA from our students is not 2.5 but \$2 per year. Thank you. That's what at least we agreed on the referendum. And I think that's what it would be collected. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

MATTERS TO NOTE

Time reserved for questions regarding updates below.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- (none provided)

EXECUTIVES

President

STAFF UPDATE

The GSS Archives Assistant has been working since the summer to develop a functional records management system for the GSS. This is important for helping improve the institutional memory of the GSS and making GSS information accessible both internally and externally.

So far:

- Inventoried physical records in the GSS office
- Identified records series (different classes of records)
- Worked towards developing policies for records retention (how long different kinds of records get kept and what happens to them afterwards)

Next steps:

- Working with GSS Staff and Executives to implement records retention policies at the GSS
- Establishing a digital archives repository on Teams with both public and restricted-access areas

Food Hamper Program Meeting

- Grad life centre reallocated(\$150k)
- Push to have the Acadia funds (\$75k) carried forward for next year as Acadia has sufficient funds until the end of this fiscal.
- GSS Pilot the 30k within this fiscal (like Faculty of Education)
- Meal Share 45k pool for grad students to be set up ASAP and used this fiscal if possible. Communicate for updates and keep in contact to adjust as needed depending on learnings/use of budget (e.g. could adapt to increase # times per term grad students specifically can access Meal Share). Re-send Meal Share communications toolkit to GSS to do a comm's push to promote again.
- Kimani to set up meeting with Colin, G+PS and Nicolas to discuss Food outlet @ Seedlings for term 2- potential to use part of the 1M contingency budget set up which Kimani will contact Ainsley about after the meeting.

Tuition Engagement Survey Questions Discussion with Student Leadership

- GSS/AMS/SUO elected Student Leadership met with VP students and Provost offices to review and discuss the Tuition Engagement Survey questions.

Budget 101 TAM Model Discussion (tuition allocation model)

- GSS/AMS/SUO elected Student Leadership met with VP students and Provost offices to provide a deeper dive into the TAM model.

Graduate Council Meeting

- Renewal of Joint PhD/Co-tutelle approach

Meeting with Director, Human Rights Equity & Inclusion Office.

- Roshni Narain and Oluwaseun discussion on possible collaborations

Pro-D Session with Stacey Holloway

- professional development session with facilitator Stacey Holloway, on organizational team leadership.



Student Affordability Task Force on going

- Lots of recommendations have been put across with an aim of helping student affordability

GLC: Signing the Letter of Intent

- GSS and UBC (GPS) have signed the letter of intent to the commitment of renovating the TKH to GLC (Thanks Sarah for arranging)

GSS 2021 Referendum Conducted

- 1045 graduate students voted in the 2021 referendum.
- All 5 propositions on the ballot passed overwhelmingly:
- Executive hours and remuneration (84.5%)
- Dissolution of Elections Committee (90.5%)
- Dissolution of Services Committee (89.0%)
- Constitution of Engagement and Elections Committee (91.1%)
- Restructuring of the Financial and Executive Oversight Officer Position (91.4%)

FEOO

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VP University & Academic Affairs

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VP External

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VP Students

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COMMITTEES

Academic & External Committee

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Code & Policy Committee

- CPC has been catching up on previous projects and receiving feedback from various committees on work sent out since last time. CPC has not met since last Council meeting due to scheduling conflicts around the expected meeting date.

Elections Committee



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- The survey has returned, and Yu has organized it in a great report. The committee will also be holding another meeting next week to organize the engagement meeting

Executive Committee

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Executive Oversight Committee

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Governance & Accountability Committee

- Finalized ToR for Indigenous Engagement Ad-Hoc committee, submitted motion to constitute committee
- Reviewed end of term SMART Goals for committees and prepared the presentation for Council
- Working with CPC on the conflict resolution policy
- Discussed starting the new cycle of SMART Goals, requests will be sent out soon

House Finance Committee

- Approved honorarium for the GSS Executive acting as a committee chair for a two-month period
- Approved expense for the purchase of 4 laptops for WL students
- Submitted End-of-Term SMART Goals update to G&A Committee

Human Resources

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Services Committee

- Held a happy hour promoting the GSS referendum.

Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee

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AMS Caucus

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Graduate Council Caucus

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SENATORS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Senators:

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Board of Governors Representatives:

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 9 at 5:30 pm – PLEASE NOTE 2nd week of December, not 3rd

Location: Online through Microsoft Teams

NOTICE OF UNSEATINGS

- Charfeddine Khalifa was unseated as Departmental Representative from Chemical and Biomedical Engineering.
- Torin Mclachlan was unseated as Departmental Representative from English.

ADJOURNMENT

BIRT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 pm.

MOVER: William Canero

SECONDER: Kimani Karangu

RESULT: Carried