



ATTENDANCE

Present: Aaron Loewen, Aditi Nagaraj Nallan, Andrew Zang, Axel Hauduc, Carmen Watson, Claire Thorimbert, Ginny Pichler, Jenny Lee, Jess Wei, Joern Bannies, Kimani Karangu, Kira Vandermeulen, Leila Matte-Kaci, Louise Harding, Mopelola Akinjala, Davi Monticelli, Nurul Afcher, Sam Kenston, Sandeep Gill, Sofie McComb, Taryn Scarff, Tim Branch, William Canero, Yundi Wang, Yuran Zhang, Devarsh Bhonde, Natalie Cappe, Maria Mawyin, Vivian Tian, Karen Leung, Rosie Papp, Conny Lin (Speaker).

Regrets: Mohammadali Shahsavari.

Absent: Mary Ibitoye, Leanna Stackhouse, Mohamed Kamel, Rachel Phillips, Sirajul Mustafa, Teesha Luehr, Gursharn Sandhu, Bethany Adair, Ezra Yu, Georgia Yee, Max Holmes, Jackson Schumacher, Lisa White.

Quorum: 16 Councillors.

CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order at 5:34 pm

AGENDA ADOPTION

BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Mover: Kira Vandermeulen

Second: Andrew Zhang

Result: Carried

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President: Madam Speaker, thank you so much and happy new year to you and all that we've not met. I'll take this opportunity to acknowledge that UBC Vancouver campus, which happens to be a university. And for us the GSS members, I would like to acknowledge that UBC Vancouver point, 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 joining us today from many places near and far away. And I would want to acknowledge the traditional owners and caretakers of the lands that you originate from. So thank you so much, Madam Speaker. And over to you.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Council minutes be approved:

- [December 9th, 2021](#)

Mover: Louise Harding

Second: Kira Vandermeulen

Result: Carried



1.2 ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLOR

WHEREAS Mopelola Akinjala did not receive council meeting invitation due to clerical error, thus she missed two meetings

BIRT the two absences on Mopelola's record are removed

Mover: Mopelola Akinjala

Seconded: Andrew Zhang

Result: Carried

For (18): Sam Kenston, Sofie McComb, Yundi Wang, Claire Thorimbert, Aditi Nallan, Louise Harding, Ginny Pichler, Akinjala, Mopelola, Sandeep Gill, Kimani Karangu, Axel Hauduc, Jenny Lee, Aaron Loewen, Taryn Scarff, Jörn Bannies, Kira Vandermeulen, William Canero, Andrew Zang.

DISCUSSION

Mopelola: I just wanted to ask because I've been talking to Maria about the policy for not attending. If you miss a guest three consecutive meetings, then you kind of lose your position as I understand. But I recently joined and I didn't get like the invites for the last couple of meetings. So I ended up missing them. Mostly because I didn't know they were happening. And so I was wondering like what the policies on that in terms of in my case, I spoke to come on and he said I have to bring it up to council. I'm not sure exactly how this works, because I'm a new member. But I just I understand that. I've been counted as absent twice, but I didn't get the invite, which is why I was absent. So I'd like to like reset my attendance. That makes sense, but I don't know how to officially like what the official term

Kimani: From my end, that it shows like two missed ones, but I think I understand the tuition because Madam Speaker Lola joined when she came to proxy somebody. And then of course, after proxying, she was removed from the list. But within that meeting that she was progressing, she was elected as a as a member of the Grand Council. And therefore, as an external representative wasn't aware of what is happening. So in this case, I think I would want to consider that position of as not having been, you know, absent from her own making is from a systemic problem. Not a problem.

1.3 COMMITTEE MINUTES



BIRT the following GSS Committee minutes be approved:

Academic & External Committee:		Human Resources Committee:	
Code & Policy Committee:	Dec 17, 2021; Nov 17, 2021	AMS Caucus:	Dec 30, 2021
Engagement & Elections Committee:		Graduate Council:	Dec 16, 2021
Executive Committee:	Dec 10, 2021	Health and Dental Plan Caucus:	May 19, 2021; June 16, 2021; July 28, 2021; Aug 18, 2021; Sept 29, 2021; Oct 27, 2021
Executive Oversight Committee		Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee:	
Governance & Accountability Committee:	Dec 15, 2021	Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee	
House Finance Committee:	Nov 29, 2021; Dec 14, 2021	All-Chairs Meeting:	Dec 10, 2021

Mover: Mopelola Akinjala

Seconders: Kimani Karangu

Result: Carried

2 SEATINGS

2.1 NEW COUNCILLORS

BIRT the following Seating of new Councillors be approved:

Name	Department
Rachel Phillips	Geography
Jess Wei	Civil Engineering
Linnan Zhong	Psychology
Bethany Adair	Medical Genetics
Shishir Nurul	Civil Engineering

Mover: Jenny Lee

Seconders: Kimani Karangu

Result: Carried



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:

Committee/Caucus	Nominee	Position	Vacancies
AMS Caucus	Nasim Niknejad	Representative	2
Graduate Council		Representative	1
Faculty of Arts Council		Representative	2
Health and Dental Plan Caucus	Shishir Nurul	Representative	1

Mover: Andrew Zhang

Seconder: Aaron Loewen

Result: Carried

DISCUSSION

Kimani: It is important that we have representative representation on the health and dental plan caucus, I'm the only one represented there. And sometimes we have got important dental and health issues that we need to focus on. Recently, members, you may have seen that we increased the psychological benefit coverage from 1000 to 1500. There is a lot that needs to be done. And I would wish that I get another voice that come with me there to be able to air some of these issues that are important to you and your fellow constituencies. So please, I would add that it does not matter whether you know, things to do with health and dental and all that. As long as you're a graduate student, I believe you can contribute towards the benefit, or the well being of this caucus. So please members consider yourselves to be nominated in this position. Thank you, Madam Speaker

Yuran: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to also encourage councillors to consider nominate themselves to join the Graduate Council caucus. So currently, we do have one vacancy. So here in grad Council caucus, we could have to first hand information of graduate curriculum, academic policies and scholarships information from graduate and postdoc studies. And we utilize this information to advocate for graduate students on various important subjects such as student wellbeing, affordable child care for students with dependents, etc. So if you're interested, please consider nominate yourself to join thank you so much.

Kimani: I would wish to nominate Shishir Nurul for the health and dental plan

2.3 COMMITTEE SEATINGS



All GSS Councillors shall endeavor to sit on at least one committee as per Policy 6.2.2.

[Committee descriptions and meeting times can be found here.](#)

BIRT the following Committee seatings be approved:

Committee/Caucus	Nominee	Position	Vacancies
Academic & External		Councillor	0
		Ordinary Member	2
Code & Policy		Councillor	4
		Ordinary Member	1
Engagement & Elections		Councillor	0
		Ordinary Member	2
Executive Oversight	Jess Wei	Councillor	4
		Ordinary Member	1
Governance & Accountability		Councillor	2
	Sena Youn Sachi Toshniwal	Ordinary Member	0
House Finance		Councillor	4
		Ordinary Member	1
Human Resources		Councillor	0
	Taylor Ricci Ajay Venkat Rosie Papp	Ordinary Member	1
Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee		Councillor	1
		Ordinary Member	1
Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee		Councillor or Ordinary Member	4
		Governance & Accountability Representative	1

Mover: Andrew Zhang

Seconded: Aaron Loewen

Result: Carried



2.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR SEATINGS

BIRT the following Committee Chair Seatings be approved:

Committee/Caucus	Nominee
Academic and External Committee	Kimani Karangu

MOVER Mopelola Akinjala
:

SECONDER: Yundi Wang

RESULT Carried
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For (18): Aaron Loewen, Ginny Pichler, William Canero, Axel Hauduc , Jenny Lee, Akinlaja Mopelola, Andrew Zang, Aditi Nallan , Jörn Bannies , Davi Monticelli, Tim Branch, Claire Thorimbert , Sofie McComb , Shishir, Md Nurul, Leila Matte-Kaci, Louise Harding, Kira Vandermeulen, Taryn Scarff

Abstain (1): Kimani Karangu

DISCUSSION

Kimani: I would want to nominate Yundi as the chair of AcEx Committee

Speaker: Yundi withdrew that so any other nominations for the chair for academic and external committee. Kimani you want to motivate?

Kimani: Thank you much. For that I thought there was communication, that unity had actually expressed the interest to be the chair of the committee. But having said that, I think members that are in here, or that members that are currently taking this initiative architects is one of the most important, one of the most important committees that we do have, it has not functioned for a few months now, I think, since the former former chair left, and this particular committee is significant in that issues affecting academic or external facing are discussed in here. Currently, we have significant matters going around, especially with schools being online, we are still pushing the agenda of revoking some degrees that have been awarded to some controversial leaders of the past. And without the input of this particular committee, we cannot do that. And this committee can only give us that input if it has gone ahead. And somebody's sitting in opposition, to give us the direction to go. So it is important that if you care about graduate student matters that are within the university, and those are external, or facing externally, this is the position to take. And, you know, I would strongly strongly advise that, you know, you know, you consider yourself to be, you know, nominated in this position, because not only are you going to help graduate students to achieve some of these big ideas, but also it is sets in those soft skills that you may need, you know, moving forward gives you a platform to be able to lead and gain that leadership skill that is needed. And of course, being one of the chairs of the many committees that we do have, I think it's a good asset to have, by and large. So I think I would want to leave it at that Madam Chair,

Speaker: You can nominate by, you know, speaking up or typing the chart. Does that mean nobody nominate themselves Kimani will default here?



Kimani: Madam Speaker, I will nominate Kimani Karangu to be the chair for one month.

3 MATTERS FOR DECISION

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 January 2023:

Name of Affiliate Organization	Representative
Medical Genetics Graduate Student Association (MGGSA)	Emilie Theberge
Botany Graduate Student Association	Nicole Bison
International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR)	Alyssa Howren
Experimental Graduate Student Association	Rania Khelifi
Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (EOAS) Graduate Student Council	Davi Monticelli

MOVER: VP Students

SECONDER: Aaron Loewen

RESULT: Carried

3.2 MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE POLICY MANUAL

Groups Responsible: Code & Policy Committee

Description: A motion to approve changes to the Policy Manual as well as stylistic and typographical changes to the Bylaws.

Proposed Objective: To approve the attached changes regarding the Policy Manual and Bylaws.

Time: 10 minutes

Supporting Documents:

[Policy Revision Form - Policy Manual Update.docx](#)

[GSSBylaws 2022-01-22.pdf](#)

[GSSPolicyManual 2022-01-22.pdf](#)

WHEREAS the Policy Manual have typographical and formatting errors that need to be corrected as well as outdated terminology,

WHEREAS Policy 1.2.2 gives the Code and Policy Committee the power to make typographical and formatting changes as long as Council is notified



WHEREAS the Bylaws have typographical and formatting errors that need to be corrected,

WHEREAS Bylaw 2.2 gives the Code and Policy Committee the power to make typographical and formatting changes to the Bylaws as long as the President approves as well as Council and the GSS membership is notified,

BIRT the Policy Manual presented is adopted with typographical and formatting changes as well as the changes listed in Policy Revision Form - Policy Manual Update.docx,

BIFRT the Bylaws are adopted as presented with typographical and formatting changes and that Code and Policy Committee will notify the general membership at the next Annual General Meeting of the changes.

Mover: CPC Chair

Seconded: Kimani Karangu

Result: Carried

For (21): CPC
Chair, Jenny
Lee, Louise
Harding, Tayo

Olarewaju, William Canero , Leila Matte-Kaci , Aditi Nallan, Axel Hauduc , Andrew Zang, Davi Monticelli , Ginny Pichler , Sofie McComb , Akinlaja, Mopelola, Tim Branch, Yundi Wang , Kimani Karangu, Kira Vandermeulen , Claire Thorimbert, Taryn Scarff , Jörn Bannies, Sandeep Gill.

DISCUSSION

Aaron: this is a accumulation of the work that CPC has been doing over the past year, just taking a look at the policy manual and getting or looking for updates. Just one dimension, some updates in particular, so that everyone's on the same page as to what this motion is carrying, or what it's going to change. So for the policy manual, this is updating the formatting overall. So that is readily editable, editable, sorry. This is something that's really convenient for CPC chair in particular, but also allows for other edits to come in the future, which is beneficial, and it's also consistent, which is also nice on the eyes. This also throughout this, we make sure the numbers of the policies are updated and in their proper order. Some of the bigger changes would be including splitting some of the appendices for clarity as well as removing others that were confirmed by the President to not be used anymore or have no other reference within the policy manual updates from old terms such as VP academic to new ones, and this would be referencing the VP UA, for example. Some other updates for current practices, just a reflection of maybe some policies that were missed during previous changes over the past few years. And finally, for the policy manual, we have consistency between usage of abbreviations. So overall, it's a lot of just typographical and formatting air changes, but with some listed within the policy within the policy manual policy revision form. On the other side of we also have some bylaw changes, but when I say bylaw changes, I don't actually mean the wording itself. We are allowed as CPC to make the changes with the President and Council's approval as long as we inform the general graduate students population at the next AGM but these changes are very minor most of the just formatting changes for just a match with their policy manual as well as allow for editability in the future and some general typos were corrected throughout the manual or within the bylaws as well. And that will be all the that's all I have to say about this motion I can take any questions if there are any thank you.

3.3 VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL RELATIONS APPOINTMENT

Responsible: Kimani Karangu (GSS President)

Time: 20 minutes introduction and question period



Description: Following the resignation of Vice President External Relations Ashni Gill, the special appointment of VP External Relations by Council

Objective: Hold the election and appoint the 2021-2022 Vice President External Relations

Relevant Materials: [VP External Relations- Folder](#)

Candidates: Natalie Cappe, Ehsan Ferdosi

Majority in Favour:

Results: Natalie Cappe (18 votes)

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 External Relations has been advertised, and

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

Whereas Ehsan Ferdosi has decided to withdraw from the race

BIRT GSS Council appoints Natalie Cappe to the position of Vice President External Relations, to take office immediately.

Mover: William Canero

Seconded: Kimani Karangu

Result: Carried

For (18): Davi Monticelli , Sofie McComb, Leila Matte-Kaci , Claire Thorimbert, Taryn Scarff, Aaron Loewen, Aditi Nallan, Jenny Lee, Tim Branch, Axel Hauduc, Yundi Wang , Kira Vandermeulen, William Canero, Louise Harding, Kimani Karangu, Ginny Pichler, Akinlaja, Mopelola, Jörn Bannies.

DISCUSSION

Natalie: Hi, everyone. My name is Natalie. I'm really grateful to be here today and excited to be running as the next vice president External Relations. I'll give you a bit of a background about myself. I'm currently a master's student in indigenous community planning here at UBC. And I came to this field through my involvement in climate justice organizing. And this also brought me to where I am in student government today. So as I have learned through community organizing and climate justice, and through my graduate studies, collaboration between community groups and decision makers has the potential to yield change for a more equitable future. And I also firmly believe that these same principles can and should be applied to Student Government. And I've witnessed this success while serving as the external policy assistant with the GSS. Over the past year and a half. As the policy assistant, I've had the opportunity to lobby provincial and federal government leaders to improve support for graduate students. And just as one example of one of the successes we've had is the recommendation of the extension of BC graduate scholarships. And this actually ended up with the Ministry of advanced education promising \$3 million in extra funding for graduate scholarships. And I'm really proud of the success of my team and improving scholarship opportunities for graduate students. But I also know that our job is nowhere near complete. And that's because 1000s of students in BC have unmet financial need. And as a result, one of my goals, if I am to be elected is to increase needs based grant programs for bees for PC students. Right now, there are no needs based grants for graduate



students, they only exist for undergraduates. And that's a huge discrepancy. I also through my role have formulated relationships with students across the country and their graduate student organizations, and aim to work with them to advocate for students across the country. One of my other primary goals is to improve you UBCs response as well as all post secondary institutions responses to incidents of sexualized violence and really go for a Prevention's based approach right now, our, our, our strategy is far from adequate and I have some plans about how this can be achieved. So these are just a couple of my key points in my platform. I'm really hoping to be able to answer any of your questions, discuss any of the content that I have listed in my platform already. I'm really confident that I have this skill and the knowledge to serve as your VP external for the short term. But more importantly, and on a personal note, I really care about student issues. I am a student myself, and believe that graduate student, graduate education must be made more accessible to all. Thank you all for being or listening tonight.

Ehsan: My name is Ehsan Ferdosi, I'm originally from Iran, told myself applied sciences student here at University of British Columbia. And also, I'm a research assistant at structural engineering sustainable solutions, which is in Collaborate close collaboration with civil engineering and put science support department. To tell you a little bit about my background, I have experience of membership in a provincial Youth Council. So I'm totally very young society's needs and how to communicate on their behalf. I served as an advisor to the mayor of a 2 million people, Metro Police. So I know how government organizations work and how the police policymakers look toward the issues related to the youth society. And also I have experience of working with several teams in various fields, for example, in a 400, employee, company, and also lots of research teams, so I am totally aware of the key effect that teamwork can have. It's quite an honor for me to have the opportunity to serve as a VP in external affairs, I dreaming to make my presence known here at UBC. And I think it's the best there's no way better than doing it by make the graduate students to be heard and to stand by the grades.

Sam: And my question goes to both of you. Can you tell us how have you been involved with GSS? Up until this point, please?

Ehsan: My answer is not going to be that long. I'm actually I didn't have that much of a cooperation with GSS. I've heard about it. And I was really passionate to get involved with the organization. Actually, I tried to do that in the previous directory. That was my first step. But the busy schedule in courses and research didn't allow me to have justice.

Natalie: I served as the external policy assistant for the past year and a half or so. So I worked really closely with the past to VP X's Ashni Gil and Ella Reza, come Gabby, and essentially worked in partnership with all of their goals and supported all of the administrative work and background research. And just in terms of student government experience. I also have been an AMS counselor in the past. So quite familiar with student government and excited about this opportunity.

Kimani: Thank you so much, Natalie and a ton for putting your names forward to be considered as the next VP x. So my question would go to both of you before I also come back with another submission. You know, given the nature of the job of the graduate student representative, the execs require some time commitment. I would want you to talk about your time commitment and you understand what it is that is in hand for you.

Natalie: Thank you so much, Natalie and a ton for putting your names forward to be considered as the next VP x. So my question would go to both of you before I also come back with another submission. You know, given the nature



of the job of the graduate student representative, the execs require some time commitment. I would want you to talk about your time commitment and you understand what it is that is in hand for you.

Ehsan: Actually, about the time commitment I as I mentioned, I have experience working in government or non government organizations. So I know how commitment and how me putting determination will yield to an effect. So about this term, I actually redact reduced my coursework and research to provide myself with some free time. So I think I can totally cope with the time demands of this.

Kimani: Madam Speaker. And sorry, I'm, I think I'm speaking too much today. I think madam speaker would want to speak in support of Natalie's candidature in this particular nomination, given that Madam Speaker, as of tomorrow, we are going to be advertising all the positions are going to be vacant as of a few months to come. And given that Natalie has been working as assistant or policy assistant, to the former to former vice president external, I think in this position, Madam speaker would need some sort of continuity into that I know, the VP left some job hanging somewhere. And I believe Natalie has been working that Jenny, for example, I have been in so many meetings with the former to VPS. And Natalie has always been in those meetings. So meaning she has the understanding of what is happening. And given that we are like, we will be going to elections soon, I think there will be an opportunity for Sam to also consider that moving forward. But also now I would wish and strongly support that we move on and nominate and vote in Natalie as the next VP student, I know, standing, that it's not easy. And I like your sincerity and sincerity of having not been involved with the GSS. But again, your knowledge and your commitment to those other you know, activities that you've been involved in will be highly, highly valuable for GSS moving forward. So this is not to dismiss you. But it is a point of naturing and welcoming you onboard to the system that we've been, you know, crafting together. So I welcome you. But I think for today I'll be voting Natalie, as the next VP x given the nature of the job that we have. And I'm saying this madam speaker knowing that we have had a few resignations and I suffered the consequences of feeding and filling in those gaps. And I may not have enough time, Madam Speaker to be able to adequately train the next VP X in the opposition and this madam speaker would give me enough time to work with Natalie to come to complete those goals that have been left including this morning Madam Speaker, I was in a meeting whereby Natalie presented very serious ideas around the sexual violence and mandating some of those to the university. So Madam Speaker, I move in support. Natalie as the candidate for the VP X for today. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Ehsan: Excuse me, can I take back my considered candidates you resigned as candidate?

Speaker: You may do so if you want.

Ehsan: Greatly appreciate it

Sam: Madam Speaker and to exam, I, I do not think that is a good move, I will share two reasons. We've got a lot of people who come here and are interested in one position that, as you may well know, elections that in about a month. So this is an opportunity for you, if you sincerely want to serve graduate students, this is a minute version of what will happen in few months to come. This is an opportunity for you to see how the process works. And really consider is this something you would really be interested in in coming days, I just want you to reconsider your decision and take this as a learning curve. And rather know that if you really have the graduate students at heart, this is an opportunity to be part of something bigger than a positional leader, where you can even be in a community where you can be a functional leader and get to know more about GSS. And who knows contest for other opportunities. So this is not a dismissal, this is not something to make you feel inferior, this is just an opportunity for you to know that you are



welcome. Get along with all those here. Start the learning process. And who knows two months from now you say okay, this has been a good, fantastic opportunity for me to learn about graduate student society, and I'm ready to represent them at a higher platform. So I encourage you to hang around, stay here. Glad to learn join a committee. And after two months, reevaluate yourself and your decision. That's my opinion. Okay, thank you

Ehsan: Actually, I was talking about candidates in the election, I see the other candidate more suitable than myself. So we wanted to, I mean, some somehow declare that and we are sure I will conserve since I'm very new to the GSS I have to gain more information about other different parts and sure I will be involved in the CSS in other parts.

Speaker: Okay, so I'll just hold that thought once we so shall now I'll just go ahead and in accept your resignation from the nomination. Is that Is that what you intended to Okay? Yeah, this is actually a very graceful move. I've never seen that before. And then that's that's really graceful of you. Okay, so now we have the motion is okay, you too can can take your camera home if you don't want to show your face anymore, because I'm moving into the motion now.

BIRT Ehsan Ferdosi be seated on Academic and External Committee as an ordinary member

Mover: Kimani Karangu

Second: Kira Vandermeulen

Result: Carried

For (17): Sofie McComb, Leila Matte-Kaci, Claire Thorimbert, Taryn Scarff, Aaron Loewen, Aditi Nallan, Jenny Lee, Tim Branch, Axel Hauduc, Yundi Wang, Kira Vandermeulen, William Canero, Louise Harding, Kimani Karangu, Ginny Pichler, Akinlaja, Mopelola, Jörn Bannies.

Abstain (1): Davi Monticelli

4 MATTERS TO NOTE

Time reserved for questions regarding updates below.

4.1 EXECUTIVES

4.1.1 President:

- Psychological coverage benefit raised \$1500. Discussion to purchase N95 masks using the Health and Dental coffers.
- VPRI Extension of Appointment committee
- Student Affordability Task Force (SATF)
- Met with AMS and UBCO reps to deliberate on students pressing needs on SATF (Student Affordability Task Force)



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- Discussions on the new pause on physical classrooms attendance. Decision to extend till Feb 7th reached with chances of a further extension based on the Omicron situation.
 - Addressed 100s of new students starting programs at UBC.
 - Interviewed 3 applicants for the Survey Coordinator position with the VPUAA and GM.
 - Met 3 students who were keen to apply for the VPEx position.

4.1.2 Financial Officer

- Engaged with Auditors and met with GSS finance team to discuss content of audit finding letter
- Reviewed and/or effected financial transactions at the GSS

4.1.3 VP University & Academic Affairs

- Finished and reviewed a recommendation report for the GSS Return to Campus Policy survey
- Reviewed 11 Small TLEF proposals for adjudication in late Jan and mid Feb
- Submitted the 2021/2022 Grad Council Caucus SMART Goals to G&A
- Interviewed 3 applicants for the Survey Coordinator position with the President and GM
- Participated in the FY23 UBCV Budget Engagement with the President and AMS
- Finished SMART Goals mid-term review

4.1.4 VP External Relations

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4.1.5 VP Students

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4.2 COMMITTEES

4.2.1 Academic & External Committee

- (None submitted)

4.2.2 Code & Policy Committee

- CPC has been working on conflict resolution policy, setting SMART goals for the upcoming year, and finalizing the changes to the Policy Manual and Bylaws in terms of formatting.



4.2.3 Engagement & Elections Committee

- (None submitted)

4.2.4 Executive Committee

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4.2.5 Executive Oversight Committee

- EOC has a new chair, so work has been delayed slightly. EOC is currently setting SMART goals and undergoing executive midterm reviews.

4.2.6 Governance & Accountability Committee

- We welcome two new members, Sena Youn and Sachi Toshniwal
- Communicated with committees to receive SMART Goals
- Decided on having KPI Committee check-ins 2x a year. These will be quick 1:1 video/phone calls meant to be a more personable and easy-going setting to discuss any concerns regarding committee engagement/progress etc., and how G&A can possibly help.
- Reviewed conflict resolution policy and sent minor revisions & comments to CPC
- Discussed FO matters

4.2.7 House Finance Committee

- Following the ratification of the referendum that increased the honoraria given to each GSS Executive by \$6000, the executives have been asked to submit 'timecards' from the time that they took office to the time referendum was ratified (Nov 18, 2021). The timecards will be used to provide a one-time bonus payment for those executives who worked as per the ratified work hours (16 hrs/week for President and 13hrs/week for VPs & FO).
- The GSS Executives have been informed to maintain weekly timesheets (like WL students and full-time staff) to ensure compliance with the updated work hours (16 hrs/week for President and 13hrs/week for VPs & FO).
- HF Committee is currently working with GSS Accountant to upgrade the accounting software currently used by GSS (over ten years old).
- Following 3 SMART Goals have been set for HF Committee accordingly:
 - Upgrading Accounting Software and Setting up Automated Processes
 - Implementation of revenue generated from Mutual Funds investment
 - Collaborating with the Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) to outline Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for GSS Executives

4.2.8 Human Resources

- (None submitted)



4.2.9 Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee

- (None submitted)

4.2.10 Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee

- (None submitted)

4.2.11 AMS Caucus

- Although we were unable to meet the quorum to host the full meeting, we have drafted the SMART goals as possible to be later approved. In the SMART goals, we aim to prioritize the ideas left from last year due to Covid19-pandemics adopting the new context within the pandemic situation (e.g., virtual projects).

4.2.12 Graduate Council Caucus

- Discussed and submitted the 2021/2022 Grad Council Caucus SMART Goals to G&A
- Assigned Caucus members to attend G+PS Committee meetings

4.3 SENATORS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

4.3.1 Senators:

- (None submitted)

4.3.2 Board of Governors Representatives:

- (None submitted)

4.4 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: February, 17 2022 at 5:30 pm

Location: Online through Microsoft Teams

4.5 NOTICE OF UNSEATINGS

- Torin McLachlan was unseated as a Councillor from the Human Resources Committee.
- Mostafa Hagar was unseated as Ordinary Member from Engagement & Elections Committee.



BIRT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Mover: Sam Kenston

Second: Kimani Karangu

Result: Carried