



ATTENDANCE

Present: Aaron Loewen, Andrew Zang, Axel Hauduc, Bethany Adair, Bukola Ibitoye, Claire Thorimbert, Ezra Yu, Ginny Pichler, Jenny Lee, Jess Wei, Joern Bannies, Kimani Karangu, Leanna Stackhouse, Leila Matte-Kaci, Louise Harding, Mohammadali Shahsavari, Mopelola Akinjala, Sam Kenston, Sirajul Mustafa, Sofie McComb, Taryn Scarff, Tayo Olarewaju, Time Branch, Yundi Wang, Yuran Zhang, Devarsh Bhonde, Maria Mawyin, Conny Lin (speaker), Vivian Tian, Sarah Park, Natalie Cappe, Niknejad Nasim, Shishir Nurul, Sina Halvei, Linnan Zhou.

Regrets:

Absent: Carmen Watson, Georgia Yee, Max Holmes, Davi Monticelli, Mohamed Kamel, Rachel Phillips, Sandeep Gill, Jackson Schumacher, Lisa White, William Canero.

Quorum: 16 Councillors

CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order at 5:32 pm.

AGENDA ADOPTION

BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Mover: Tim Branch

Second: Mopelola Akinjala

Result: Carried

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President: Thank you so much, Madam Speaker, and everybody else that is here, our guests and our directors, and those who are about to be I'm going to do our tradition, acknowledging the land that we are conducting this business on. So for UBC, Vancouver, and on behalf of the UBC GSS, I would like to acknowledge that UBC as Vancouver Point Grey campus is situated on their traditional ancestral unceded territory of the Musqueam people. I would also like to acknowledge that you are joining us today for many places near and farms and acknowledge the traditional owners and caretakers of both lands. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker and welcome.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions.

1 EXPEDIENT MATTERS

At the discretion of the President, the following are deemed urgent matters for Council and are presented at the beginning of Council (not exceeding 10mins):



1.1 VIRTUAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Group Responsible: Sophia Haque

Description: Presentation regarding virtual healthcare services offered to students.

Time: 10 minutes

Supporting Documents: [Virtual Healthcare Presentation](#)

DISCUSSION

Mopelola: I'm just wondering, because I don't understand fully how money matters essentially how like, finances are allotted to Student Care. So you mentioned how there was a million dollar and the AMS health care plan budget. Can you speak a little more to how that funding is allocated? And like its potential for expansion to avoid the opportunity cost situation that you mentioned?

Sophia: So I think I should clarify Student Care does not get a million dollars, those are funds that are held internally with the MS and the GSS, for the purposes are running the health and dental plan. So I'll do a quick crash course on how that Fund was created and how it's developed. So the AMS GSS. For the health and dental plan, you set fees for the health and dental plan by referendum. And typically, let's say \$260. That's not the exact amount, but it's around that you have the ability to increase it kind of by an inflationary amount on an annual basis. And so the your ability to adjust is limited to a handful of dollars every year. But plan costs tend to fluctuate a lot year over year, because plan costs are based on utilization. So you could have a year of heavy utilization. And if anyone was here for my presentation in the fall, you may remember, the mental health claims, for example, jumped from, you know, just \$400,000 to almost one and a half million dollars this past year. And so that's an example of a huge, huge spike. There's one, there's a number of ways that you can meet that. So you can set your plan fee of let's say \$270. And on yours that your plan only costs you 250. That extra money, the MS and the GSS saves and puts into the reserve for a rainy day fund. Because your ability to increase fees is not infinite. But the plan costs can change depending on how students are using it. And so any amount that does not get utilized in that particular year gets put aside some years it's reversed, the planned cost is higher than what you're able to collect from students. This is an example of that type of year where your planned cost is a little bit higher than what you've been able to collect from students. And because you can't increase your fee anymore without going to referendum. You fill that gap by taking and borrowing monies from that reserve fund. That is its intended use. It's not it's not designed to just stay there and keep growing. But right now the AMS held the dental plan reserve is sitting at a very probably too healthy amount and it's time to make use of some of those funds to make money come back to students in the form of services. And so that trade off that I mentioned is that the virtual healthcare service we have noticed that there's a here's a niche a need for that particularly during the pandemic. But on the flip side using those reserves mean that that money is not there for general health a dental plan benefits which we know the students in general, graduate students in particular, obviously find A lot of value in and we, in regular serving see people have requests to, you know, increase massage therapy coverage or increase dental coverage, vision coverage or prescription drug coverage, which would be more of the standard fare of service features of the health dental plan. So that's what I meant about there being a trade-off. But that decision, of course, always learns and comes to you. I'm not sure if that answered your question.



Sarah Park: Two questions real quick. One was a survey that you did for undergrads and grads, you have like a general breakdown of how many grad students fill out the survey. And the second one was how many people would need to opt in with that \$3 charge in order to actually implement the program?

Sophia: Good question. So I have we didn't in this particular survey, we tried to keep it a little bit shorter and more concise, I think was just three minutes survey, or less than that. And so there's no graduate or undergraduate student specification, but there is an age category, which helps us kind of break down data a little bit more. I don't have that handy on hand right now. But it'd be happy to share it, I believe, I think commodities here commodities, the GSS rep on the committee, and to share as well, who believes in the room, they would have access to it, he could share that data with you as well. And the second party question, so for the AMS in the GSS, that that number was from a survey that was conducted back in November, we've actually been able to go back and secure a slightly lower, it's a just over \$2 plus tax would be the cost for UBC students for that. And there's no limit. So it can be anyone it could, you know, half the population could opt out. And that would still be the cost of the program. That's not for the pilot, the pilot would be kind of everyone would be part and parcel of that, because there's no ability to manage the opt out process when you're running a pilot in the same way.

Tayo: So thank you for the presentation. And so my question is my understanding is right now, at the US health I UBC health service actually has transitioned to an online model, right. So you meet your doctor online, you actually have consultations, and they didn't get back to you largely online. So I'm wondering, considering the current model, and I expect at least some parts of that will be kept post pandemic. I'm wondering what exactly it is this plan adds, in the sense that of what is no currently being done by UBC health service. So it's great if you can please clarify. Thank you.

Sophia: No, definitely. I think that's part of the reason why forums like they're so helpful to kind of gather that additional feedback, we have taken a look at UBC health services offering and we noticed that they are moving on online and have made that effort particularly over the pandemic, the benefit of this virtual service add on would be the speed of being able to get that access a lot quicker, because even health services is having sometimes multiple day weights to get access to that care. And so I think it's just a matter of priorities for students to be able to determine, you know, what aspects of the plan and coverage that they're prioritizing a lot more. I'll note that these conversations definitely started at the BCMS GSS health Dental Plan Committee back in back in October when we're still kind of in the heavier throes as we often are in the winter, it seems of COVID and the pandemic and some of the restrictions and limited access that we face when pandemic restrictions are a little bit greater. But those needs maybe are shifting a little bit and that's something to for sure. Keep in mind.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Council minutes be approved:

- [January 20, 2022](#)

Mover: Sam Kenston

Second: Tim Branch

Result: Carried



2.2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Committee minutes be approved:

Academic & External Committee:	Feb 01, 2022	Human Resources Committee:	
Code & Policy Committee:	Jan 12, 2022; Jan 27, 2022	AMS Caucus:	Feb 04, 2022
Engagement & Elections Committee:	Jan 12, 2022; Jan 26, 2022; Feb 01, 2022	Graduate Council:	
Executive Committee:	Jan 14, 2022	Health and Dental Plan Caucus:	Dec 08, 2021
Executive Oversight Committee	Dec 08 2021; Dec 30 2021; Jan 27 2022; Jan 18 2021	Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee:	
Governance & Accountability Committee:	Jan 13, 2022; Jan 20, 2022	Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee:	
All Chairs Meeting:		House Finance Committee:	Jan 11, 2022; Jan 25, 2022

Mover: Jenny Lee

Second: Kimani Karangu

Result: Carried

3 SEATINGS

3.1 NEW COUNCILLORS

BIRT the following Seating of new Councillors be approved:

Name	Department
Linnan (Paradox) Zhou	Psychology
Sinna Halvei	Pharmacy
Leila Matte-Kaci	Library, Archival and Information Studies

Mover: Kimani Karangu

Second: Mopelola Akinjala

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	1
Faculty of Arts Council		Representative	2
Health and Dental Plan Caucus		Representative	0

Mover: Andrew Zhang

Seconded: Aaron Loewen

Result: Carried

3.3 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	3
Code & Policy		Councillor	4
		Ordinary Member	1
Engagement & Elections		Councillor	2
		Ordinary Member	2
Executive Oversight		Councillor	3
		Ordinary Member	1
Governance & Accountability		Councillor	2
		Ordinary Member	0
House Finance		Councillor	4



		Ordinary Member	1
Human Resources	Louise Harding	Councillor	0
		Ordinary Member	1
Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee		Councillor	1
		Ordinary Member	1
Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee		Councillor or Ordinary Member	4
	Jenny Lee	Governance & Accountability Representative	1

Mover: Kimani Karangu

Second: Yundi

Result: Carried

3.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR SEATINGS

BIRT the following Committee Chair Seatings be approved:

Committee/Caucus	Nominee
Academic and External Committee	Sarah Ebert

MOVER: Kimani Karangu

SECONDER: Mopelola Akinjala

RESULT: Carried

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 January 2023:

Name of Affiliate Organization	Representative
Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGSA)	Claire Thorimbert



Statistics Graduate Student Association (SGSA)	Gian Carlo Diluvi
Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Network (iGSNA)	Marie-Soleil Smith
The Association of Population and Public Health Students	Louise Harding
Progressive Librarians Guild UBC	Chase Nelson

MOVER: VP Students **SECONDER:** Aaron Loewen **RESULT:** Carried

FOR (17): Ezra Yu, Axel Hauduc , Claire Thorimbert, Jenny Lee, Andrew Zang, Ginny Pichler, Akinlaja, Mopelola, Teesha Luehr, Taryn Scarff, Natalie Cappe, Leila Matte-Kaci, Tim Branch, Sofie McComb , Jörn Bannies , Bukola Mary Ibitoye, Yundi Wang, Kimani Karangu.

DISCUSSION

Kimani: It is not a question but to commend the vice president students for, you know, constantly engaging our affiliate organizations. I have noted that, you know, we've been passing and approving a number of them every council meeting, so I believe. Vice President Sam is doing a great job and I want to say thank you, Sam, for engaging our students and our constituent in that way, kudos thank you so much.

4.2 CREATION OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION POLICIES

Groups Responsible: Code & Policy Committee, Governance & Accountability Committee

Description: An item to discuss and approve mechanism of conflict resolution within the GSS for committees and councillors.

Proposed Objective: To approve Policy changes regarding conflict resolution.

Time: 10 minutes

Supporting Documents: [Policy Revision Form - Conflict Resolution](#)
[Appendix XXI - Conflict Resolution](#)

WHEREAS currently there is no official conflict resolution policy for Councillors, Committee members, or Committees in general,

WHEREAS the Governance and Accountability Committee is the ideal committee to handle conflict resolution for these groups,



BIRT the policy amendments and additions from "Policy Revision Form - Conflict Resolution" be implemented as presented.

Mover: CPC Chair

Second: Leila Mate-Kaci

Result:
Carried

FOR (19): Louise Harding, Sofie McComb, Ezra Yu, Andrew Zang, Aaron Loewen, Yuran Zhang, Jörn Bannies, Natalie Cappe, Jenny Lee, Teesha Luehr, Taryn Scarff, Tim Branch, Bethany Adair, Ginny Pichler, Leila Matte-Kaci, Akinlaja, Mopelola, Yundi Wang, Claire Thorimbert, Kimani Karangu.

ABSTAIN (1): Axel Hauduc

DISCUSSION

Jenny: I just want to take the time to thank cpc and working with us on this and I also want to thank axel, our deputy chair for spearheading this effort.

4.3 MOU PROPOSED REVISIONS

Responsible: VPX

Time: 5 minutes

Description: The non-binding MOU for Graduate Students of Canada

Objective: To provide an informal avenue for federal advocacy. The MOU requires minor editorial revisions in order to strengthen its effectiveness in outlining our role as an alliance.

Relevant materials: [Proposed Revisions](#)

WHEREAS the VP Ex. has noted a few minor editorial parts in the MOU, which if edited would provide an informal avenue for federal advocacy.

WHEREAS The MOU requires minor editorial revisions to strengthen its effectiveness in outlining our role as an alliance.

BIRT the VP Ex. Make the necessary edits in the non-binding MOU for Graduate Students of Canada by the end of the February 2022.

Mover: VP External

Second: Kimani Karangu

Result:
Carried



FOR (20): Bethany Adair, Taryn Scarff, Bukola Mary Ibitoye, Shishir, Md Nurul, Andrew Zang, Jenny Lee, Aaron Loewen, Akinlaja Mopelola, Sofie McComb, Leila Matte-Kaci, Tim Branch, Ginny Pichler, Axel Hauduc, Claire Thorimbert, Yuran Zhang, Ezra Yu, Kimani Karangu, Jörn Bannies, Teesha Luehr, Yundi Wang.

DISCUSSION

Kimani: Do we have a timeline for this?

VP External: So in terms of timeline, other institutions have different approval processes than we do. So other institutions don't necessarily have to go through their counsel to make these amendments, but it's from what I understand. And I can come back to you with a more definite answer from what I understand. The MOU has already been taken to the University of Calgary's Council. And once we basically once we decide whether or not we're going to sign on to this as well, they will add their signature and we will now have four institutions signed on to this informal Alliance which is really exciting because it is the first of its kind in Canada.

4.4 ELECTION POLICY CHANGES

Groups Responsible: Code & Policy Committee, Engagement & Elections Committee

Description: An item to discuss changes in the GSS election process.

Proposed Objective: To approve Policy changes regarding elections.

Time: 10 minutes

Supporting Documents: [Policy Revision Form - Elections Updates](#)

WHEREAS the current GSS election policies and procedures are outdated or confusing,

WHEREAS the Code and Policy Committee and Engagement and Elections Committee have identified policies where clarification is needed or more control of rules are necessary,

BIRT the policy amendments and additions from "Policy Revision Form - Elections Updates" be implemented as presented.

Mover: CPC Chair

Seconded: Kimani Karangu

Result:
Carried

FOR (18): Bethany Adair, Claire Thorimbert, Ginny Pichler, Sofie McComb, Jörn Bannies, Kimani Karangu, Aaron Loewen, Leila Matte-Kaci, Akinlaja Mopelola, Andrew Zang, Yundi Wang, Natalie Cappe, Axel Hauduc, Teesha Luehr, Jenny Lee, Taryn Scarff, Tim Branch, Ezra Yu.

4.5 BYLAW 8.5.6



Groups Responsible: Code & Policy Committee

Description: An item to discuss a bylaw change regarding Financial Officer reporting.

Proposed Objective: To send a Bylaw change to our next AGM or referendum, whichever comes first.

Time: 10 minutes

Supporting Documents: [Bylaw Revision Form - Bylaw 8.5.6](#)

WHEREAS Bylaw amendments must be submitted and approved by the general membership of the GSS,

BIRT the following motion be submitted for approval at the GSS's next AGM or referendum, whichever comes first.

WHEREAS the Financial Officer position has been aligned more closely with the Vice President positions after their change of duties,

WHEREAS all Vice Presidents must to report to the President,

WHEREAS the current position of the Financial Officer is only instructed to report to the GSS Council,

BIRT the Bylaw amendment from "Bylaw Revision Form - Bylaw 8.5.6" be implemented as presented.

Mover: CPC Chair

Second: Yuran

Result: Carried

FOR (18): Sina Halvei, Taryn Scarff, Axel Hauduc, Andrew Zang, Ginny Pichler, Yundi Wang, Sofie McComb, Yuran Zhang, Jenny Lee, Natalie Cappe, Jörn Bannies, Leila Matte-Kaci, Tim Branch, Bukola Mary Ibitoye, Teesha Luehr, Kimani Karangu, Claire Thorimbert, Akinlaja Mopelola.

DISCUSSION

Kimani: Yeah, Madam Speaker, I want to you know, thank the committee chairs and the coordination that they have continues to do behind the scenes, it has seriously and significantly improved the way we conduct our business here. And, you know, I just want to say thank you to all of them, and for leading the way thank you so much, Aaron. And, yeah, thank you.

5 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 COMMITTEE SMART GOALS 2021-2022

Group Responsible: G&A Committee

Description: To present GSS Council with an overview of committee and caucus SMART Goals for 2022.

Time: 20 minutes

Supporting Documents: [SMART Goals](#)



DISCUSSION

Kimani: Thank you so much, jenny, for that concise and very informative presentation. I'm so happy about that. And I just wanted to highlight that, you know, as of today we have seated at a chair for architects, I was the chair for I think, one month or two, I believe, I think one month and we have held two meetings. And in our last meeting we also derived on some three goals that we shall be working on for the next while. And i'm so happy that sarah who has now been formally stated that the chair is taking lead on that. So thank you so much. And you will hear from the acts soon. Thank you so much.

5.2 EXECUTIVE SMART GOALS MIDTERM REVIEW

Group Responsible: Executive Oversight Committee

Description: Reporting of the Executive's SMART Goal midterm progress.

Time: 10 minutes

Supporting Documents: [2021-22 Mid-Term Executive Goal Review](#)

5.3 JANUARY FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Group Responsible: Financial Officer

Description: January GSS Financial Overview

Time: 15 minutes

Supporting Documents: [GSS Financial Overview January 2022](#)

5.4 GSS REBRANDING

Group Responsible: Karen Leung, Communications, Marketing and IT Manager

Description: Presentation on the GSS rebranding

Time: 10 minutes

Supporting Documents: [GSS Logo Presentation](#)

DISCUSSION

Devarsh: Thank you for the presentation. And thank you for pointing out the issues with the current branding. I do agree that you know, having too many versions of the same logo can create a lot of confusion, like GSS has a small texture, as it says, but as I agree with that, something that I didn't find that fascinating was the final version that we came up with. Just for reference, I'm referring to this image and just copy paste it and chat here. I feel that like, shortening the name of University of UBC, Vancouver to UBC dot v would be quite confusing for people. From my personal view, it is that people who are aware that UBC has two campuses would make the distinction. But for individuals who are outside of the loop, it might be quite difficult to understand that we are referring to dot v as the campus, my recommendation would be to just keep it as UBC because I checked for UBC Okanagan, their gsss called Student Union something. So I feel that we can just have UBC instead or UBC Vancouver and complete as well. So that was my one point. Another point is that, like in the previous version of the logo, the GSS and UBC Vancouver had a line that defecting or Vish divided the two text, I feel that the



current version is bit too text heavy. And also the UVC is not aligned with either G or either SS you know, it's bad hanging in the air. So it feels a bit off to the eye. So that was my second point. And the third point is that from the logo examples that you gave, like Starbucks, Coca Cola, everything, all the logos usually have the same color and the font and the insignia, for example UBC as well, the University of British Columbia text is in the same blue as the class that we have. So my recommendation would be to just stick with a darker shade of green in case the visibility issues are there, or just go with Lindblad something like I just post in the chat again. Yeah, so those are my three points in summary, dot v might not be understandable to people who are outside of the loop. Second point was that basically having Vancouver or basically having a dividing line between UBC, and CSS. And third point was that we can just go with the darker shade of the color. Okay, I hope that was clear. Or I'll just type it out if necessary, as well. And for some background, some for some background, where I'm coming from is that I was actually part of the branding and marketing sell for my undergrad University. So we did a logo design redesign for our university back then. So I have some context on how these things go. So that is where I was coming from. Okay, thank you, I think

Yuran: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you Kimani for introducing the work that has been done and thank thanks to wash for your wonderful comments. And I think I believe most and I think I agree with most of your comments. So for the alignment and the color, I think You You do have a point in in terms of marketing, things like that. But I think that for indicating that we are GSS, UBC V is some sort of clever clarification when we're reaching out for to external organizational offices. And I believe that UBC o campus in Oregon, they're also thinking about establishing their own GSS. So I think that will provide more clarification on that side. But I think your ID, your comments and feedback on alignment and color. I agree with most of most of that

Axel: Oh, thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, um, I, I guess just in the spirit of like, you know, the the UBC V, um, I guess writing for the logo coming from the perspective, from a an American graduate student in UBC, I think, like, I'm just a little bit concerned that UBC V in and of itself has low brand recognition, I think maybe in British Columbia, and, and perhaps to a lesser extent, the rest of Canada, people might, we'll be able to pick up on that. But I think that UBC is a pretty strong brand name that's recognized globally. But adding the V my kind of confused people. And I did notice that well diverse mentioned also as a second option, simply having Vancouver fully written out as a as an additional option if we wanted to have that specificity. And, and I would just emphasize that option that divorce laid out, given of course, the concern that that unity brought up with like being wanting to distinguish from UBC. Oh, so that's all I have to say.

5.5 RECOGNITION AWARDS

Group Responsible: Kimani Karangu (President)

Description: Awarding exemplary work of Jenny Lee (G&A Chair)

Time: 5 minutes

6 MATTERS TO NOTE

Time reserved for questions regarding updates below.

6.1 EXECUTIVES



6.1.1 President:

- Signed an internal MOU for disbursement of food security funds with the UBC VP Students Office.

6.1.2 Financial Officer

- Financial Officer Update
- Reviewed and/or effected financial transactions at the GSS.
- Along with HF committee met with a bank representative to discuss the performance of GSS assets.

6.1.3 VP University & Academic Affairs

- Engaged in the UBC Budget Consultation follow-up meeting with the President
- Hosted the first GSS Advocacy Office Monthly meeting
- Researching on UBC Parental Accommodation Policy for possible extension & more funding
- Participated in the second and last TLEF Adjudication for small TLEF proposals
- Participate in the UBC IT External Review

6.1.4 VP External Relations

- (None submitted)

6.1.5 VP Students

- (None submitted)

6.2 COMMITTEES

6.2.1 Academic & External Committee

- Working on the new smart goals
- Appointed a chair

6.2.2 Code & Policy Committee

- CPC has been working on updating election-related policies, starting on SMART goal progress, and advising on conflict resolution policy

6.2.3 Engagement & Elections Committee



- E&E has submitted updated SMART goals to G&A, established Elections Policy Panel consisting of the ESEO, E&E Chair, 1 member of E&E, and 1 member of CPC. We've also worked with CPC to update Elections policy and currently working on increasing our reach for nominations - if you're interested, you should nominate yourself at: <https://gss.ubc.ca/nominate-form/> Once nominations are in full swing, we will be working on hosting more engaging events and initiatives. We will be hosting PowerPoint Karaoke at Koerner's Pub on March 16th with G+PS. It'll be fun, it'll be swag. Come join!

6.2.4 Executive Committee

- Working on a document to guide in disbursement of food security funds for the months of February and March.

6.2.5 Executive Oversight Committee

- EOC has finished the Executive midterm updates, determined SMART goals for the year, and are preparing for the upcoming Executive transition period

6.2.6 Governance & Accountability Committee

- Organized an orientation for our new committee members
- Communicated with committees/caucuses to finalize their SMART Goals, created presentation for Council
- Worked with CPC to finalize the conflict resolution policy
- Discussed FO matters with GSS President, FO, and CPC
- Appointed G&A rep for the Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc committee and is working to hold first meeting

6.2.7 House Finance Committee

- Approved the budget actuals for Nov 2021
- Approved the purchase of QuickBooks Online accounting platform to automate the budget actuals review process
- Addressed the comments from auditors on GSS Financial statements
- Approved the one-time bonus for VP External and VP UAA related to the execution of the referendum ratified by the GSS Council on executives' remuneration
- Approved the increase in the hourly rate for GSS President from \$27.20/hr to \$28.49 to have a consistent hourly rate of \$28.49/hr across all the GSS Executives. The revised hourly rate will go into effect for the GSS Resident taking office in the 2022-23 term and onwards. The corresponding bylaw needs to be adjusted through a referendum that will be included in the March AGM.

6.2.8 Human Resources

- (None submitted)



6.2.9 Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee

- (None submitted)

6.2.10 Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee

- (None submitted)

6.2.11 AMS Caucus

- It was unfortunately unable to run a full meeting by meeting sufficient quorum, but I went over all the agenda and will reach out to each member individually to review the meeting.

6.2.12 Graduate Council Caucus

- The Graduate Council Caucus has been working on revising the new SMART Goals asynchronously based on comments from G&A. Further actions will take place after reviewed by the Council.

6.3 SENATORS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

6.3.1 Senators:

- Example update

6.3.2 Board of Governors Representatives:

- (None submitted)

7 NOTICES

7.1 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: March, 17 2022 at 7:30 pm

Location: Online through Microsoft Teams

7.2 NOTICE OF UNSEATINGS

- Yiwei Hao was unseated as Ordinary Member of the Engagement & Elections committee.
- Vivian Zhang was unseated as Ordinary Member of the Engagement & Elections committee.
- Perrin Waldock was unseated as Ordinary Member of the Engagement & Elections committee.
- Charf Khalifa was unseated as Ordinary Member of the Engagement & Elections committee.
- Kira Vandermeulen was unseated as Departmental Representative for Library, Archival and Information studies.



8 ADJOURNMENT

BIRT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Mover: Andrew

Second: Aaron

Result: Carried