



## ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Sam Kenston, Tayo Olarewaju, Ismail Muftau, Shishir Nurul, Sam Kenston, Axel Hauduc, Yundi Wang, Wei Jess, Ezra Yu, Sina Halvei, Aaron Loewen, Taryn Scarff, Faeze Kavarsh, Tim Branch, Claire Thorimbert, Violeta Fabiani, Jörn Bannies, Akinlaja, Mopelola Akinjala, Jenny Lee, Tobi Olowoyo, Zhou Linnan, Tania Arora, Maria Mawyin, Speaker (Conny Lin), Onyeka Odenigbo, Ruth Irene, Devarsh Bhonde.

**Regrets:**

**Absent:**

**Quorum:** 16 Councillors

## CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 1.1 CALL TO ORDER

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

### 1.2 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:** Yundi

**SECONDER:** Aaron

**RESULT:** Carried

### 1.3 AGENDA ADOPTION

**BIRT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Mover:** Aaron

**Second:** Yundi

**Result:** Carried

## TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**President:** I am very honored to welcome you all to our very first impressive Council after several years. And we want to acknowledge that we are currently gathered on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam people and we are grateful for their time. This place has been a place of learning and



impartment of knowledge over the years. And we are highly blessed to be here. Thank you. You are welcome. And please feel over to you, Madam Speaker.

## 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):*

## 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 2.1 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

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

- [April 21, 2022.](#)

**Mover:** Jenny

**Second:** Ezra

**Result:** Carried

### 2.2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

<b>Academic &amp; External Committee:</b>		<b>Human Resources Committee:</b>	May 4, 2022.
<b>Code &amp; Policy Committee:</b>	April 26, 2022; March 21, 2022	<b>AMS Caucus:</b>	May 13, 2022
<b>Engagement &amp; Elections Committee:</b>		<b>Graduate Council:</b>	May 10, 2022
<b>Executive Committee:</b>	April 11, 2022.	<b>Health and Dental Plan Caucus:</b>	
<b>Executive Oversight Committee</b>		<b>All-Chairs:</b>	
<b>Governance &amp; Accountability Committee:</b>	April 14, 2022; April 28 2022.	<b>Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee:</b>	



		<b>House Finance Committee:</b>	April 12, 2022; April 26; 2022; May 10, 2022.
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**Mover:** Yundi

**Seconded:** Aaron

**Result:** Carried

## 3 SEATINGS

### 3.1 NEW COUNCILLORS

**BIRT** the following Seating of new Councillors be approved:

Name	Department
Marco Sotres	Master of Community & Regional Planning

**Mover:** Leanna

**Seconded:** Tim

**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	Sabbir Hossain, Mopelola Akinjala	Representative	2
Graduate Council		Representative	0
Faculty of Arts Council		Representative	2
Health and Dental Plan Caucus		Representative	0

**Mover:** Yundi

**Seconded:** Aaron

**Result:**



## DISCUSSION

**Ezra:** I will nominate Sabbir to join the AMS Caucus

**Sam:** Yes, I would like to motivate once again, just like Ezra said. This is a new year a new beginning in terms of new executives, both of the GSS and other AMS levels. As graduate students we do have an interest in AMS. First, we have an interest in how they become accountable to us as graduate students as we all know we pay AMS fees, among other things. So we are not only members of GSS we are also members of AMS over the years there have been little or no accountability from them. So, I am hoping that counselors nominate themselves to sit on the AMS Caucus, because that way you will be on voice there, you will let them know what their needs and their priorities for the students are. And you will also be the voice for them to inform this house, what has been discussed there, how it affects us and what decisions we should take. So I think this is a very, very important, quality and highly advocate that somebody joins.

**Mopelola:** I nominate myself

## 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	1
		Ordinary Member	2
Code & Policy	Leanna	Councillor	3
		Ordinary Member	1
Engagement & Elections	Sinna, Faeze	Councillor	1
		Ordinary Member	1
Executive Oversight	Sinna	Councillor	3
		Ordinary Member	0
Governance & Accountability		Councillor	2
	Onyeka	Ordinary Member	3
House Finance		Councillor	4
	Onyeka Odenigbo, Abhishek	Ordinary Member	2
Human Resources		Councillor	0
		Ordinary Member	0
Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee		Councillor or Ordinary Member	2



		Governance & Accountability Representative	0
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**Mover:** Yundi

**Seconded:** Aaron

**Result:** Carried

## DISCUSSION

**Yundi:** Sarah Ebert is the chair of the AcEx committee. She's not a counselor. And she'll probably proxy for me and we'll switch potentially on and off but I'm the deputy chair of AcEx and just to give everyone some background. We primarily we support obviously the VP UA and the VP external with I got I kind of to guide and help out with policy and implementation of that. And so we've had quite a lot of turnover recently. But we're looking to rebrand and look forward to working with everyone.

**Aaron:** So yeah, my name is Aaron. I'm the chair of code and policy ,what we do is we mainly work to amend and create the policies or bylaws related to the GSS itself. We like we tend to work with other committees a lot just to just to implement the changes that other committees want to see. So code and policy is a great place to kind of dabble in a lot of different committees, if you would, like counselors out there recommend joining, we have meetings every other week or so. I think that if you're looking to get into the GSS, and obviously, you're here as a counselor, if you're interested in or if you're interested in getting involved and don't know where to begin. I personally will say code and policy is a great place. A bit biased, but yes,that's what got.

**Leanna:** I'd like to nominate myself.

**Ruth:** Everyone, so technically, after today, I'm supposed to be the chair for engagements and elections committee. And basically, what we do in elections and engagement committees, we assist the Electoral Officer in driving the elections and on campus, and engage grad students in different social and academic events. So if you have a like events, so organizing different kinds of activities on campus than election and engagement committees is the place for you.

**Sinna:** I'd like to nominate myself.

**Aaron:** I'll speak on behalf of executive oversight, since it looks like Nick's not here. So executive oversights is the body that kind of oversees, or executives throughout the year responds to complaints. Hopefully, there are none but responses nonetheless, and guides our new executives throughout the year and implementing SMART goals and overseeing the progress that they make throughout the year. It's a good way to get involved when you want to kind of see what the executives do throughout the year, something that maybe a lot of us may not have experience in or especially in terms of overseeing goals and how goal setting kind of works, the fundamentals outside of just governance and accountability. This is another route you can take to get that experience. But yeah, that's for executive oversight committee.

**Jenny:** Hi, representing G&A. So G&A stands for governance and accountability. We held that with governance reviews, and our main task is to oversee all the other committees and GSS, we have regular communication



with the other committee so that we can better support you guys. If you like setting goals or overseeing goals, or if you just want a quick way to sort of see how well the other committees are doing or what they do, this is a committee for you to join. We have nice people like myself and Axel over here. So please join if interested.

**Devarsh:** Hello, everyone, I'm Devarsh and cheering for the House Finance Committee. So the House Finance Committee effectively looks after the financial operations of the society. So we make decisions, such as, you know, small decisions, such as the UberEATS voucher that everyone here receives for the committee meetings that we attend to bigger decisions, like deciding the salaries for our full time staff as well as the honoraria for our executors, as well as very big decisions, like investing almost a half a million dollars in mutual fund investments so that we can generate some revenue for us. So if you have a knack for some financial operations, and if you want to see how all the inner workings of the society works, so please consider joining us in the House Finance Committee. I nominate Abshinek.

**Aaron:** The HR chair isn't here. But I have been directed by the chair to kind of act as the representative from HR. So I'm not trying to hold the mic at all. So human resources is involved with hiring incoming staff to the GSS as well as kind of overseeing or taking some parts in negotiations and other parts of employment that we typically would say are behind the scenes, but the HR committee does get to put their hand in there and get a bit of get a bit of experience of that. So if you're interested in human resources to actually it looks like there's no openings for HR so if you're interested in human resources, I would reach out nonetheless to or share, and possibly get involved, at least in showing up to a meeting, seeing what's going on. And once that opening has come, you're more than welcome to jump into that spot.

**Jenny:** I can speak on behalf of the Indigenous Engagement Committee chair. I don't think She's here today. Basically, the indigenous Engagement Committee was constituted recently, because there was a need to increase indigenous engagement within the graduate student society as well as generally. So if you guys are interested in just discussing with us to work on initiatives to increase indigenous representation as well as engagement in the graduate community, please join us.

**Onyeka:** I would like to nominate myself for the Governance and Accountability Committee.

## 3.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR SEATINGS

**BIRT** the following Committee Chair Seatings be approved:

Committee/Caucus	Nominee
Engagement & Elections Committee	Ruth Irene

**MOVER:** Tim

**SECONDER:** Jenny

**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 May 2023:

Name of Affiliate Organization	Representative
Botany and Zoology Wellness Initiative	Mia Waters
Land and Food Systems Graduate Student Council (GSC)	Jennifer Lipka
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Graduate Student Association	Teesha Luehr

**MOVER:** VP Students

**SECONDER:** Aaron

**RESULT:** Carried

### 4.2 GSS FISCAL BUDGET

**Group Responsible:** Tayo Olarewaju, Finance & Executive Oversight Officer; House Finance Committee

**Description:** Overview of GSS Finances and Proposed 2022/2023 Budget

**Objective:** Adoption of Proposed Budget

**Time:** 20 Minutes

**Supporting Documents:** [GSS Financial Overview](#)

[GSS Consolidated Budget](#)

**WHEREAS** the GSS fiscal year ends on 31st of May every year, and the House Finance Committee has undergone extensive discussions and consultations regarding the 2022/23 budget and is satisfied with the proposed budget,



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**BIRT** the GSS Council approves and adopts the 2022/23 budget as presented.

**MOVER:** Finance Officer

**SECONDER:** Devarsh

**RESULT:**

**In favour (20):** Tayo Olarewaju, Ismail Muftau, Shishir Nurul, Sam Kenston, Axel Hauduc, Yundi Wang, Wei Jess, Ezra Yu, Sina Halvei, Aaron Loewen, Taryn Scarff, Faeze Kavarsh, Tim Branch, Claire Thorimbert, Violeta Fabiani, Jörn Bannies, Akinlaja, Mopelola Akinjala, Jenny Lee, Tobi Olowoyo, Zhou Linnan.

## DISCUSSION

**Devarsh:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would actually like to speak on the last two bullet points in the summary there. So the last two bullet points where we need to watch our hiring practices and staff and expenditure. So let me throw some light of why that is important. So this year, our revenue is going to be 970 \$1,000. Let's say roughly \$1 million out of that \$1 billion. 650,000 dollars is just the staff costs the the executive on areas above lift duties. So our fixed operating costs are almost 65% of our whole revenue. So One caution when we to think about it is that for all the staff that we employ, or the executives that we pay, or the work learn students that we hire, I'll be getting back 650,000 worth of work back, you know. So one another approach to think about it is that of, after paying all the staff and salaries and everything, only \$350,000 is what we put towards, for the actual student activities or events or stuff like that. So that is why monitoring the finances of the hiring practices, as well as the salaries are pretty important. And that is what the committee's need to pay attention on. So, I just wanted to highlight that. Thank you.

**Mopelola:** I just had a question based on what he just said. So just to clarify, when you say the recommendation is to monitor more closely the hiring practices of the executives, over the next year, I was just wondering if you could speak more to what that looks like. In terms of, do you think it'll involve like hiring the same amount of people, but just like tracking their hours more closely? or hiring less people or kind of having more of a plan for what the executives want to do? And how many work learns they need to accomplish that? Something like that?

**Tayo:** Thank you for the question. I think it's a great question. So I'll start from what we noticed at the committee when we saw the deficit, right. So the deficit was made up for largely made up a proposal to hire more students, and also to hire a consultant to oversee those students. Right. So in other words, if, if one just takes a close look, at the bottom line, you say that you're close, or I took capacity. And that taken more students, and also, hiring another consultant might not be best from a financial point of view? Why? So? I think it's possible, please correct me, but I think he was coming to his actual hrs recommendation, is actually to maintain the coins, just to ensure that executives can actually accomplish what they're doing. But to increase that substantially, might be problematic.

**Axel:** Thank you for the presentation, Tayo, and then just building off questions on those last two points. So, do we have any insight as to, for example, what other students society's proportions are with regards to fixed costs versus surplus that can that's our I don't know what the best term for the remaining 350,000 is, but that which





goes to directly to students and society activities that don't have to do with hiring? Is the two to one ratio. Is that? Do we have any point? Do you have any point of reference? And I'm just curious.

**Tayo:** I have not yet looked into that.

**Devarsh:** Next, so I would like to speak on what is the approach going forward? Or what should we do in order to monitor this cause? So the deficit that we have is just called how's that \$12,000 to 1 million it is not that much. Also does people that we have already hired like the work learn students, they are paid by the hour. So what we can do as the society is to track the hours very accurately ensure that proper practices are followed and eventually ensure that we are getting our money's worth. I personally am not against hiring people to do their job. What we just want to ensure that the people that we have on board are doing what they are required to. Okay. Thank you.

**Sam:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Just want to give a quick response to Axel's question, which is one of my passions. Yes, I have looked at how the expenses of other student bodies are going. And I have personally been in a meeting with House Finance Committee where we have to cut down this budget because that doesn't speak well for me. But I can give an example is the AMS. That's why I spoke passionately about we have in an AMS caucus member go in there. They are in the similar situation. And if you don't have executives that are passionate about the organization, nobody cares, because we all run down and new people come back. So go online, and look at AMS budget, everything that comes goes out at the end of the year. But in GSS, we don't want that to happen. And that is why we are trying to put a mechanism in place. And that's also why we are asking members from this council to be on the AMS Caucus to make sure our monies are really properly accounted for. So we have an example right here.

**Tobi:** Okay, so regarding the budget, like Devarsh set about 65% is going towards paying people and less than 30% towards students. Well understand we need people to run things. But we also need to have more activities for students because I personally remember I remember having to cut down a lot of things planned for students. So I think we really need to look at the hiring practices because more things need to go towards more students. There was COVID last year, so maybe not lots of students were able to attend events, but now that COVID is done. We have over 10,000 students we shouldn't meet funding for less than that. Thank you.

**Jenny:** Just on the note of hiring and staff, we have an oversight system for executives, we have one for committees. I'm just wondering for the staff, apart from the plan to track hours. Do we have any plans, you know, for an oversight mechanism? Or do we already have one?

**Sam:** Thank you very much any I can now so that that's the wrong precedent that we've had. And unfortunately, the high transition nature of executives make you vulnerable to the point that you you don't want to question somebody who was there before you know, in that you just came in. But that is another reason why we stood our ground and brought counsel in person counselors, or the Board of Directors of the GSS, you are the most powerful voices for the organization, your voice matter, that decision you want to take is taken here. Whatever you think can be done to make the society better, you will let us know. So on that note, currently, we do not have any apart from the president who should do that. Of course, the President has to do everything. But if we want to put a specific measure in place to serve us checks and balances to see who monitors this or who oversees this and also to work with the HR committee I found her is not here today. She's very very passionate



about the job. She does a good job so far. But if we want to call for another mechanism of balance, that is the decision for Council to take and if it comes as an agenda item, we can vote for it and we are ready to support that.

**Tayo:** So right now we have So we do have some mechanisms in the sense that timestamp, actually how to fill in time timesheets before they get paid. And we're also looking at the possibility of also extending that to full time staff. So, right now, that is our principal mechanism, right, just ensuring that timesheets are filled and you paid based on those hours.

**Ismaïl:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, I'm going to be speaking from where the verge and that, you know, based on the recommendations, and then whether we are really getting value for, you know, for the for the work that our staff do, I think the first point I want to make in that regard is that the hiring has already been done before the new executives came on board. That's number one. Number two, we have already started, you know, the job of trying to streamline, you know, the timesheets or the number of hours, okay, you will recall that during the budget defense, the VP we have reached out to make some concessions. And then looking at the contract, we saw that we could actually maximize, you know, the house that we have on contract, instead of instead of spending all the time or the 20 hours per week that is allowed, we are looking at cutting that down to 10 hours per week, you know, to ensure that we, we manage the resources efficiently. And then if you look at some of the you know, items in the budget, you know, narrowing down to the VP office, you will see that the bulk of what we are doing or will spend money on things that are going to touch lives of grad students, okay, if you look at the GSFA, we didn't do very well last year now and said we have the ballot, we have the money already, we think that it's good to give back to society, let us you know, spend, you know, a chunk of that money, you know, I'll give it back to needy students. Alright. And then we're also looking at, you know, spending, you know, in regards to housing, alright, you don't have to elevate, you know, graduate students or whatever. So, if you look at it overall, we can't, we can't get to where you want to be it overnight. But I do want to assure you that we have already started the job, you know, left it and in another year or two years, you will see that will get better. Thank you.

**Aaron:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. And before I make my point, that's why I say thank you to HF and title for this budget that's very comprehensive. And I think it has a lot of great work put into it. Just wanted to speak on maybe the idea of hiring practices, because it feels like it's something that as someone who sat on both EOC and executive Oversight Committee and the Human Resources Committee, it does seem like a lot of the discussions were told we're more in favor of hiring. And we're more in favor of not only hiring, but also hiring strong candidates who would inevitably you would conceivably, maybe pay more, something along those lines. I not really a direct this is more of just a general comment on that. I feel like this, this conversation should be taken with taken up with the Human Resources Committee potentially. And also, I would say, to a certain extent with executive oversight, simply because I think that there's a very evident need to not only hire and hire well, but also it's been a even just through discussions. It's been it's very evident that people want that. Up until this point, it seems like that's what was the direction that we were going to go. So I would just maybe recommend taking these conversations to those two committees to just kind of understand the situation a bit more, because I do agree to a certain extent that if this is the best way to approach financially, the society, so be it, but this feels like it's made this decision might be kind of made in the silo without considering the other people who are directly involved.



**Mopelola:** Aaron kind of touched on what I was going to mention. So I feel like the conversation is important, but then I would assume there are people very well suited to having that conversation in terms of why they're making these hiring decisions and the people being hired, the contracts that they have just kind of like honoring what they do as well, because I know we're trying to cut costs, but those are people as well. So kind of, maybe it's more of a comment than a question just to let the conversation have the tone of just like, understanding from all the perspectives to save money, but then realizing that the work that people are going to be doing if they are needed, is important, and also for what's already been done, because I think someone mentioned how some people have been hired before this whole process started, but kind of honoring what those people committed to as well. And just maybe considering that and all of the conversation that that's evolving.

**Violeta:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. And sorry about that. Just sort of maybe tried to respond to Lola and as speaking in general, not that we're trying not to honor that work that, like people that's been hired does, we just have to be a guest more diligent on making sure that the hours those people are spending are actually giving back to GSS. And this is what I think Devarsh should try tried to touch on before. So by no means is that we're not honoring what people do is just a matter of making sure that it's beneficial for everyone in the society, and we're getting something out of it. Thank you.

**Tayo:** So we are actually asking that this budget will pass that might be helpful to just remind everyone relax. And that just budgets past, however, future practices might be better to just going to be more cautious, right, because of a deficit of would only last consequences really playing up a financial position on society will only get us to like two years before, there was actually a cash crunch. And we don't want that to happen. And so we are asking that this budget be passed because of a deficit. And it doesn't negatively impact more, it's called always calling to authors. And in the future, whoever is high, that just competence, right? Like that's is our weakest. So I think that might just might be helpful to remind ourselves, so please, if, if you're in favor of this budget, don't hesitate to, to vote as Thank you.

**Devarsh:** Thank you, Tayo. I would also like to speak in favor of the budget, I would just remind everyone that the deficits Well, \$12,000, out of 1 million, which is not a big deal. To be quite honest, I will probably make up that money in the investment that we are made in the mutual funds. I can't predict the market, but most probably it will be fine. So and by coming up with these numbers, we be very deliberately negotiated with the different departments, the different exhibitors, and this is the best case scenario that we came up with. So I would encourage all the counselors to actually support the motion, and please pass the budget. Thank you.

## 4.3 GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

**Group Responsible:** G&A Committee

**Description:** A presentation and motion on G&A's oversight body for the 2022 goal cycle.

**Time:** 20 minutes

**Supporting Documents:** [Presentation](#)



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**Objective:** To assign an oversight body for G&A for the 2022 goal cycle.

**WHEREAS** the Governance & Accountability was struck as a Standing Committee as a result of the 2018 referendum, and

**WHEREAS** the GSS 2017-21 & 2022-26 Strategic Plans establish objectives for the structure of the oversight system of the GSS for all executive positions and standing committees except for the Governance & Accountability Committee, and

**WHEREAS** the Terms of Reference of the Governance & Accountability Committee require the Committee to propose to Council oversight mechanisms for itself, and

**WHEREAS** the Executive Committee was the oversight body for G&A in previous years,

**BIRT** the GSS Council assigns the responsibility of oversight of the Governance & Accountability goal setting and goal progress review to the Executive Committee.

**BIFRT** the Executive Committee shall report to Council on the setting of G&A goals in the regular June Council meeting and report to Council on the end-of-term progress.

**MOVER:** G&A Chair

**SECONDER:** Aaron

**RESULT:** Carried

## DISCUSSION

**Speaker:** I can tell how much time it takes into this motion there's a lot of time to prepare it so neatly. Any questions? Okay. So any other discussion that you want to bring up? Tayo please?

**Tayo:** I wonder if it'd be okay for me to send the slides tomorrow after the meeting, I just wanted to ensure that all councillors are aware that once I presented there was a mistake so I would correct that and send that to our admin assistant so the documents online will be revealed it's a bit different.

**Sam:** I just want to reemphasize that are in our in person council meeting please do not be discouraged that was we are still learning and we are still putting in measures in place and you hear Madam Speaker made certain comments based on her past experience like do we go to Browns or do we go to the Gallery page which temporary close when we come to counsel in person and we finish early we go and hang out together get to know each other talk about it, so don't be in a hurry to leave and don't be angry with us. We have you in mind. Thank you very much Madam Speaker.

**Speaker:** I feel that it's so much easier to moderate in person even though it's very hectic because it's not as like at home I'm like this okay? Yeah, but here I need to see everything but it's very easy but we can feel the room I can feel the anger I can feel the happiness I feel like you're pretty happy today. Right?



## 5 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

## 6 MATTERS TO NOTE

Time reserved for questions regarding updates below.

### 6.1 EXECUTIVES

#### 6.1.1 President:

- Attend FT/PT Staff meeting and informed them to work/support the incoming executives
- Attended the Health & Dental committee meeting. GSS need to make decisions about the efficient management of the program.
- Attended the HR committee meeting. HR is making decision about recruiting external consultant to do GSS interviews and hiring.
- Meeting with CUPE 2278 (TA union) about their office rentals and continuous collaboration
- Attended the UBCV Provost and VPA townhall and spoke on behalf of the GSS about the need to recruit a provost who values students' opinion

#### 6.1.2 Financial Officer

- Effected/Reviewed financial transactions.
- Having discussions on 2022/23 Budget.
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#### 6.1.3 VP University & Academic Affairs

- Attended President Santa's Town Hall meeting for deliberations on the election of a new UBCV Provost and Vice-President Academic with Santa Ono on May 5 th 2022.
- Sent out emails to all members of the VP UAA Office, including members of the Graduate Council Caucus, the Advocacy team, the new academic policy adviser and others.
- Attended the Bank with the President and Financial Officer to effect change of account signatories.
- Sent in my comments regarding the budget of VP UAA office and met severally with the House Finance Committee to deliberate on and defend the budget.
- Attended the Graduate Council Caucus meeting on May 10.



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- I had meeting with members of the Advocacy Team on May 11.
  - Attended a meeting of the Graduate Council of G+PS on May 12
  - I attended the AMS/GSS/Ombuds Academic Integrity Orientation and Greet and Meeting event, today May 19, 2022.

## 6.1.4 VP External Relations

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- Attended FT/PT Staff meeting and informed them to work/support the incoming executives
- Attended CAC meeting and spoke about graduate student needs
- Attended the UBCV Provost and VPA townhall
- Met with outgoing executive to help determine some work done to carry forward
- Attended SVPRO training
- Sent together with Natalie application to be a speaker at the next provincial government meeting regarding grad funding
- Followed up with ABCS president to discuss our needs and common lobbying opportunities.
- Scheduled meeting with AMS external relations executive.
- Wrote to discuss plans with new Policy Assistant.

## 6.1.5 VP Students

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- Games night scheduled for May 20th from 5:30 - 7:00pm
- Softball League scheduled for June 1st - Aug 23rd

## 6.2 COMMITTEES

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### 6.2.1 Academic & External Committee

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- (None submitted)

### 6.2.2 Code & Policy Committee

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- CPC has held meetings to discuss the creation of an all-chairs committee, an elections handbook, and updates to elections policies after the previous election.

### 6.2.3 Engagement & Elections Committee

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- (None submitted)

### 6.2.4 Executive Committee

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## 6.2.5 Executive Oversight Committee

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- (None submitted)

## 6.2.6 Governance & Accountability Committee

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- Consulted GSS President, CPC, and HF regarding G&A's oversight body for this year's goal cycle
- Discussed and prepared our motion and presentation regarding who will oversee us
- Drafted G&A SMART Goals
- Ongoing communication/meetings with committees with newer chairs
- All-Chairs Retreat: Presented summary of issues & gaps brought up during committee check-ins

## 6.2.7 House Finance Committee

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- Reviewed and approved the budget actuals for Feb and Mar 2022.
- Conducted final review and feedback session with the Organizational Coaching Team.
- Passed motion related to usage policies for corporate credit cards.
- Reviewed request for SMART Goals oversight for G&A Committee.
- Recommended changes to CPC related to the deployment of GSFA funds.
- Reviewed and relayed feedback related to the first version of the draft budget for 2022-23.

## 6.2.8 Human Resources

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- (None submitted)

## 6.2.9 Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee

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- (None submitted)

## 6.2.10 AMS Caucus

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- Because we haven't met the quorum for the meeting, we ran a partial meeting without making any concrete decision.

## 6.2.11 Graduate Council Caucus

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- We had our May meeting on May 10, 2022. The following members attended: VP UAA, Mopelola Akinlaja, Mo Shahsavari, and our new member Atul Aravindakshan.
- VP UAA shared his 2022-2023 goals with the Caucus members and heard comments and feedback on them.
- Agreed that there is a need to do a survey on whether graduate students would like the idea of RAs and TAs opportunities as components of their degrees.
- That there is a need to have a housing bursary for international graduate students.



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## 6.3 SENATORS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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### 6.3.1 Senators:

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- (None submitted)

### 6.3.2 Board of Governors Representatives:

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- (None submitted)

## 7 NOTICES

### 7.1 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

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**Date:** June 16 2022 at 5:30 pm

**Location:** Michael Kingsmill Forum at AMS Nest

### 7.2 NOTICE OF UNSEATINGS

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- Ryan Ghorayeb was unseated as Ordinary Member of the Governance & Accountability Committee.
- Sarah Park was unseated as Chair of the Elections & Engagement Committee.
- Candice Chiu was unseated as House Finance Representative of the Graduate Student Financial Aid Panel.

## 8 ADJOURNMENT

**BIRT** there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 pm.

**Mover:** Tim

**Second:** Yundi

**Result:** Carried