



ATTENDANCE

Present: Muxi Guo, Sam Kenston, Ismail Muftau, Cathy Yan, Kathleen Gill, Aaron Loewen, Tonje Molyneux, Ruth Irene, Lily Lin, Nick Phin, Claire Thorimbert, Jaden Phillips, Faeze Keshavarz, Loulou Cai, Nancy Yang, Michelle Marcus, Violeta Fabiani, Jonah Berean-Dutcher, Seja Elgadi, Oz Horger, Catherine Wong, Nurul Shishir, Abhishek Somanagoudar, Teesha Luehr, Amin Shadi, Alex Babin, Firoozeh, Sabbir Hossain, Olivia Tsihlias, Cecilia Wang, Beatrice Bornes, Varun Shah, Franziska Mey.

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 5:31 pm.

1.2 AGENDA ADOPTION

BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Mover: Violeta

Second: Muxi

Result: Carried

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President: Thank you so much for attending the February Council meeting. We do acknowledge that we are gathered from the traditional unceded territory of the musqueam people, and this place has been a place of learning and impartation of knowledge for several years.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions.

2 EXPEDIENT MATTERS

At the discretion of the President, the following are deemed urgent matters for Council and are presented at the beginning of Council:

2.1 CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Responsible: Jacqui Brinqman and Danielle Barkley



Time: 20 minutes (10 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)

Description: Presentation about career opportunities for UBC Grad Students

Objective: Creating career development opportunities for grad students

Relevant materials: [Presentation](#)

2.2 CAMPUS VISION 2050

Responsible: Joanne Proft (Associate Director, Community Planning), Aviva Savelson (Senior Manager, Public Engagement), and Brittany Jang (Community Planner)

Time: 20 minutes (10 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)

Description: Campus + Community Planning staff will present an overview of the Draft 30-Year Vision for the physical campus and there will be time for GSS members to ask questions and share feedback.

Objective: Share info, answer questions, hear feedback on the Draft 30-Year Vision

Relevant materials: [Presentation](#), [Video](#), [30-Year vision document](#)

2.3 BANKING ON A BETTER FUTURE

Responsible: Jaden Phillips and Michelle Marcus (Representatives of Climate Justice UBC and Banking on a Better Future)

Time: 20 minutes (10 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)

Description: Representatives of Climate Justice UBC and Banking on a Better Future will speak about their campaign calling on the Big 5 Canadian Banks to divest from fossil fuels and defund the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline and how the GSS can support by ending its relationships with the Big Banks and moving its banking to a credit union.

Objective: The presentation is for informational purposes. There will be no motion at this meeting but the intention is to provide context for the development of a motion for a future meeting.

Relevant materials: [Presentation](#), [Move Your Money Day Overview for Student Unions](#)

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Council minutes be approved:

- [January 19, 2023](#)

Mover: Sam

Second: Muxi

Result: Carried



3.2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Committee minutes be approved:

Academic & External Committee:		Human Resources Committee:	
Code & Policy Committee:		AMS Caucus:	
Engagement & Elections Committee:	Feb 10 th , 2023; Jan 27 th , 2023	Graduate Council:	
Executive Committee:	Nov 9 th , 2022	Health and Dental Plan Caucus:	
Executive Oversight Committee		All-Chairs:	
Governance & Accountability Committee:	January 25 th 2023	Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee:	
		House Finance Committee:	

Mover: Aaron

Second: Tonje

Result: Carried

4 SEATINGS

4.1 NEW COUNCILLORS

BIRT the following Seating of new Councillors be approved:

Name	Department
Vignesh Krishnamoorthy	Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Md Nurul Shishir	Civil Engineering



Mover: Violeta

Second: Sabbir

Result: Carried

4.2 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
Faculty of Arts Council		Representative	2
Graduate Council Caucus		Representative	0
AMS Caucus	Vignesh Krishnamoorthy	Representative	2
Health & Dental	Franziska Mey	Representative	1

Mover: Sabbir

Second: Muxi

Result:

DISCUSSION

Sabbir: Sabbir: So, I'm the chair from the AMS caucus. Currently, we are looking for one Representative so I would encourage all the councillors to join our committee because we are right now working on our smart goals. So two very new, impactful and historically SMART goals in the GSS history. So I would encourage everyone to join our community because we need your thoughts, your ideas, your suggestions. So yeah, please join with us and especially to new she's also she is already in our committee so I would encourage the new counselor to join our committee so if you want then definitely it would be very helpful for me and my committee.

4.3 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
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Academic & External		Councillor	0
		Ordinary Member	0
Code & Policy		Councillor	2
		Ordinary Member	1
Engagement & Elections		Councillor	2
		Ordinary Member	0
Executive Oversight		Councillor	3
		Ordinary Member	0
Governance & Accountability		Councillor	4
		Ordinary Member	1
House Finance		Councillor	3
		Ordinary Member	0
Human Resources	Vignesh Krishnamoorthy	Councillor	1
	Lily Liu	Ordinary Member	1
Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee		Councillor or Ordinary Member	3
		Governance & Accountability Representative	0

Mover: Muxi

Second: Lily

Result: Carried

DISCUSSION

Muxi: My name is Muxi. I'm the HR chair today. I am really passionate about creating a workplace that supports the growth and the development of all GSS employee. And I'm here to invite you to join me in this committee. So by being part of our HR community, you will have opportunity to make a significant impact on GSS, you will also have the chance to develop on to your personal skill and experience as well as your personal network. So I really encourage each of you to consider joining our HR committee and become a part of the team that is dedicated to make our GSS to be a better place to work. And we can create a new policy as well as development employee training program and working to result like a working in place than usual. And thank you so much for your time and consideration. And I looking forward to working with all of you guys.

Nick: Hi, I would like to motivate on behalf of the executive oversight committee where I am the chair. We are looking for new members. We have a very committed but somewhat small committee right now. And it is a very interesting time with the elections that are coming in I think in a few months for the new executive EOC will be playing a role in the changeover so excited stuff there and we are also aligning our spark goals for the next



year. So if you join our committee, you will be able to take part in that. We meet about once a month for an hour and you get an Uber Eats coupon which is fantastic.

5 MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 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 February 2024:

Name of Affiliate Organization	Representative
Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Network (iGSN)	Abhishek Wadhwa
Mindfulness Meditation Community at UBC	Yinzhao Wang
The Association of Population and Public Health	Sabbir Hossain
Friends of Out on the Shelves (Friends of OOTS)	Kezia Elaschuk
Experimental Medicine Graduate Student Association	Tenanye Haglund

MOVER: VP Students

SECONDER: Sabbir

RESULT: Carried

6 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1.1.1 GSS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Presenter: Cathy Yan

Time: 10 minutes

Description: Proposal for establishing a Sustainability Committee within the GSS

Objective: To present the Terms of Reference for the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee

Relevant materials: [Presentation](#)



DISCUSSION

Aaron: Thank you so much for the presentation, as well as I can also say also, thank you so much for drafting those terms of reference already. That's usually half the battle. I saw when I was reviewing this and trying to think of how this would fit into the current framework for the GSS. As it stands, one thought that occurred to me and as well as to other members that I was talking to about this as the potential here that we can set up an ad hoc committee. The way that that would basically work is that there's, it's has the same function as a committee at but it has a specific mandate. In this case, it'd be taking the terms of reference and basically turning it into whether it's an annual report or its monthly updates the council based around sustainability and all the everything that you've listed in terms of reference. It's kind of like, I'll call it like, an introduction into becoming a committee itself. For example, the government I believe the governance and accountability committee was once an ad hoc committee as far as I understand. So one approach may be to take that routes and I'd be happy to help you with that as well as the Governance Committee chair who's not here tonight, but we're happy to get that conversation started to formulate what, basically just plan that out and see where it goes if that's the direction you're interested in.

7 MATTERS TO NOTE

Time reserved for questions regarding updates below.

7.1 EXECUTIVES

7.1.1 President:

7.1.2 Financial Officer

7.1.3 VP University & Academic Affairs

7.1.4 VP External Relations

7.1.5 VP Students

7.2 COMMITTEES

7.2.1 Academic & External Committee

7.2.2 Code & Policy Committee



CPC held a meeting to discuss some small items including how to go ahead with our upcoming 2023 SMART goals. No decisions were made due to not meeting quorum due to miscommunications.

7.2.3 Engagement & Elections Committee

The committee x UBC TACS are collaborating to hold a tax workshop with graduate students in March.

7.2.4 Executive Committee

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7.2.5 Executive Oversight Committee

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7.2.6 Governance & Accountability Committee

SMART goals and KPI check-ins

7.2.7 House Finance Committee

7.2.8 Human Resources

7.2.9 Indigenous Engagement ad-hoc Committee

7.2.10 AMS Caucus

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7.2.11 Graduate Council Caucus

7.3 SENATORS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

7.3.1 Senators:

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7.3.2 Board of Governors Representatives:

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8 NOTICES

8.1 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 16th 2023 at 7:00 pm

Location: Michael Kingsmill Forum- AMS Nest 4th floor

8.2 NOTICE OF UNSEATINGS

Beverly Yang was unseated as Ordinary member of the Code & Policy Committee

9 ADJOURNMENT

BIRT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Mover: Aaron

Seconder: Tonje

Result: Carried