



ATTENDANCE

Present: Sam Kenston, Aaron Loewen, Isha Gill, Nick Phin, Emily Tang, Ali K, Alexander Babin, Ihomehe Goulda, Patricia Unung, Firth McEachern, Ali Khajegili, Anjana Rajendran, Daemon Cline, Erica, Dharmawan F, Hubert, Odikamnoro I, Jalisa Karim, Margaret, Slein Samia Syeoti, Simar Nagpal, Vignesh Krishnamoorthy

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 5:45 pm.

1.2 AGENDA ADOPTION

BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Mover: Nick

Seconder: Sam

Result: Carried

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President: I'd like to acknowledge that we are gathered today on the land of the Musqueam people, a place of learning. Thank you, Councillors, for coming.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.2 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Council minutes be approved:

[November 16th, 2023](#)

Mover: Maggie

Seconder: Nick

Result: Carried



1.3 COMMITTEE MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Committee minutes be approved:

Academic & External Committee:		Human Resources Committee:	
Code & Policy Committee:	Nov 3 rd , 2023	AMS Caucus:	
Engagement & Elections Committee:		Graduate Council:	
Executive Committee:	Nov 3 rd , 2023	Health and Dental Plan Caucus:	
Executive Oversight Committee		All-Chairs:	Nov 10 th , 2023
Governance & Accountability Committee:	Nov 10 th , 2023; Dec 4 th , 2023	House Finance Committee:	

Mover: Sam

Second: Maggie

Result: Carried

2 SEATINGS

2.1 NEW COUNCILLORS

BIRT the following Seating of new Councillors be approved:

Name	Department
Alexandre Babin (reseated)	Clean Energy Research Centre and Chemical and Biological Engineering
Parker Lund	Botany
Grace Gletsu	Sociology
Brennan Paul Van Deren	Mechanical Engineering
Firoozeh Vosoogh Gerayeli (reseated)	Experimental Medicine



Mehmet Saglam (reseated)	Special Education
Olivia Tsihlias (reseated)	Rehabilitation Sciences

Mover: Nick **Seconded:** Sam **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
Graduate Council Caucus		Representative	0
AMS Caucus		Representative	0
		Member	0
Health & Dental		Representative	0

Mover: **Seconded:** **Result:**

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	1



		Ordinary Member	0
Code & Policy	Ihomehe Golda	Councillor	2
		Ordinary Member	0
Engagement & Elections		Councillor	5
		Ordinary Member	0
Executive Oversight		Councillor	4
		Ordinary Member	0
Governance & Accountability		Councillor	5
		Ordinary Member	0
House Finance		Councillor	4
		Ordinary Member	2
Human Resources		Councillor	2
		Ordinary Member	0

Mover: Sam

Seconded: Nick

Result: Carried

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 December 2024:

Name of Affiliate Organization	Representative
School of Journalism	Chaimae Chouiekh
Graduate Wellness and Athletics Collective (GWAC)	Ainslie Velthoen
Botany Graduate Student Association	Parker Lund



MOVER: Simar

SECONDER: Lily

RESULT: Carried

3.2 POLICY MANUAL SEPERATION AND GSS PRIVACY POLICY

Responsible: CPC Commitee

Description: A motion to amend the GSS policies regarding how policies are stored for the Society and the GSS Privacy Policy.

Proposed Objective: To pass policy changes.

Time: 10 minutes

Supporting Documents: [Policy Revision Form - GSS Privacy Policy Relocation.pdf](#); [Privacy Policy](#)

WHEREAS the current Policy Manual is convoluted and not easily accessible to the GSS members,

WHEREAS CPC has prioritized the disassembly of the current Policy Manual,

WHEREAS there is no mechanism to acknowledge different policy documents at this time,

WHEREAS the GSS Privacy Policy was developed as a standalone policy and is easily relocatable as a policy document,

BIRT the changes listed in "Policy Revision Form - GSS Privacy Policy Relocation.pdf" be approved as presented.

MOVER: Code & Policy
Committee

RESULT: Carried



4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

5 MATTERS TO NOTE

Time reserved for questions regarding updates below.

5.1 EXECUTIVES

5.1.1 President:

5.1.2 Financial Officer

5.1.3 VP University & Academic Affairs

5.1.4 VP External Relations

5.1.5 VP Students

5.2 COMMITTEES

5.2.1 Academic & External Committee



5.2.2 Code & Policy Committee

CPC has started working on SMART Goals for 2024, and approving the first official steps to disassembling the GSS Policy Manual (starting with the GSS Privacy Policy).

5.2.3 Engagement & Elections Committee

5.2.4 Executive Committee

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5.2.5 Executive Oversight Committee

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5.2.6 Governance & Accountability Committee

G&A is currently working on giving feedback on the SMART goals first drafts. We are also working on our current SMART goals (chairship removal, KPI for members, faculty/dep rep, increasing outreach).

5.2.7 House Finance Committee

5.2.8 Human Resources

5.2.9 AMS Caucus



5.2.10 Graduate Council Caucus

5.3 SENATORS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

5.3.1 Senators:

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5.3.2 Board of Governors Representatives:

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6 NOTICES

6.1 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, Jan 18th 2023 at 5:30 pm

Location: Michael Kingsmill Forum

6.2 NOTICE OF UNSEATINGS

Porter Abbey was unseated as Councillor from the Geography Department.

7 ADJOURNMENT

BIRT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Mover:

Seconder:

Result:

Carried