
STUDENT COUNCIL AGENDA

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at _____

1. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, and _____ be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.

2. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.”

B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

What’s Up with the Elections – Isabel Ferreras
SUB Presentation – Crystal Hon

D) President’s Remarks:

E) Executive Remarks:

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

3. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Council Minutes dated November 4, 2009
Code & Policy Minutes dated November 10, 2009
Code & Policy Minutes dated November 17, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated November 12, 2009
Edited Executive Committee minutes dated October 1, 2009
Edited Executive Committee minutes dated October 8, 2009

J) Executive Committee Motions:

4. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS adopt the Code amendment re: Safety Office as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

From the Primary Appointments Committee

5. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, Ricardo Bortolon be appointed Chief Returning Officer, Vincent Chik be appointed as Logistics Officer, Brian Monaghan be appointed Promotions Officer and Will Davis be appointed as Voter Funded Media Coordinator for a term commencing November 26, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010.”

From the Code & Policies Committee

6. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Clarifying Slates’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

7. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

From the External Policy Committee

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS cease its affiliation with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations in April of 2009 at the end of the current member year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President of the AMS communicate this decision to CASA.”

8. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

From the Communications Planning Group

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS adopt the Communications Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rd

From the Campus Planning & Development Committee

9. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“Whereas the enhancement of student engagement in the governance and land use framework of UBC is an AMS goal;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS recognize that local control over institutional lands and buildings is necessary for the preservation of academic freedom, the enhancement of the student experience, and the development of UBC as a globally significant university that is able to provide a high quality of education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMS request that the Governance Committee of the UBC Board of Governors meet with the AMS University and External Relations Committee and the GSS External Committee to discuss institutional student engagement in the governance and land use framework of UBC.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

From the Appointments Review Committee

10. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

““BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of ARC the compensation for AMS Committee Chairs shall be set at \$8.65/hr.”

**note that the hours for a committee chair are 12 hrs/week.

From the Renovation Planning Group

11. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$2,100.00 be withdrawn from CPAC for the administrative office lobby upgrades.”

Note: The current balance in CPAC is \$343,000

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

12. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be accepted as presented:
Finance Commission minutes dated November 24, 2009
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated October 27, 2010
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated November 3, 2010
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated November 10, 2010
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated November 17, 2010”

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

Standing Committees:

13. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ (3 x Students at Large) be appointed to the Education Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2010,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ (Councilor) be appointed Chair of the Education Committee term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ (3 x Students at Large) be appointed to the University and External Relations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2010,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ (3 x Students at Large) be appointed to the Legislative Procedures Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2010,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ (3 x Students at Large) be appointed to the Business and Facilities Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2010,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ (3 x Students at Large) be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2010.”

14. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed to the Chapman Learning Commons/Learning Enhancement Academic Partnership Student Advisory Committee for a term effective immediately and ending March 31st, 2010:
CLC/LEAP Student Advisory Committee: _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____ (members of Council or students at large).

Note: Also sitting on this committee:

- The Executive Coordinator of Student Services

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ (Councilor or member at large) be appointed to the University Athletics Council a term commencing immediately and ending September 2010.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ (Councilor) be appointed to the UBC Aquatic Centre Management Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending September 2010.”

From Blake Frederick & Timothy Chu

15. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

Whereas since the freeze on tuition fees was lifted in 2002, university tuition has skyrocketed; and

Whereas following the government's announcement that control over tuition fees would be returned to the universities in 2002, the UBC Board of Governors immediately raised tuition by 23%

Whereas BC undergraduate tuition fees have doubled and graduate tuition fees have risen by 184.4% since 2002; and

Whereas in comparison to other provinces, BC has experienced the fastest increase in tuition rates; and

Whereas since 2002, average student debt in the province has climbed to amongst the highest in Canada at \$27,000; and

Whereas students with little or no debt were more than twice as likely to finish a university degree, graduation rates for students with less than \$1000 of debt being 71% while for those with over \$10,000 debt only 34% completed their degree; and

Whereas access to debt is not the same thing as access to education; and

Whereas Statistics Canada examined the reasons why high school graduates do not continue on to post-secondary education and found "financial reasons" as the most common answer; and

Whereas high tuition fees have an even greater impact on access to professional programs and on international students; and

Whereas government grants to institutions fail to keep pace with the rate of inflation and in 2007/2008, UBC revealed a structural deficit of \$24 million; and

Whereas students fear the University will seek to make up funding shortfalls through tuition fee increases; and

Whereas, the University recognizes the financial barriers presented by the cost of education in its Policy 72; and

Whereas the Government of Canada is a signatory to the United Nations International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), Article 13 of which binds signatory states to make higher education equally accessible to all, on the basis of capacity, by every appropriate means, and in particular by the progressive introduction of free education; and

Whereas the University of California Regents recently approved tuition fee increases for California public universities of 32%- an act which has caused occupations and public outcry from students around the world; and

Whereas Education is a Right,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS

- * oppose future tuition increases
- * condemn the tuition increases imposed by the University of California Regents
- * call on the government and the University to reduce tuition fees to 2001 levels immediately and to work towards the reduction of tuition in future while replacing lost tuition revenue to the institution through increased grant funding
- * lobby to progressively introduce free education in British Columbia as outlined in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Note: Requires 2/3rd

Will replace non compliant previous policies.

From Tim Chu

16. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

Whereas the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC is a registered voluntary society which promotes the development of comprehensive quality child care, women's equality and social justice, and the rights of children and child care workers; and

Whereas the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC is a local sister organization of the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada, such that membership in the former by default includes membership in the latter, and which through shared membership, and the Child Care Council, works closely with organizations such as Building Blocks for Child Care, the Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCCF), the Child Care Resource and Research Unit, the Assembly of First Nations, and the Feminist Alliance for International Action (FAFIA); and

Whereas the AMS shares the same values of inclusiveness, equality, women's rights, and the rights of children, promotes and advocates for these values, and would find these advocacy resources and networks invaluable; and

Whereas the AMS has made its commitment to Childcare by committing 100 000 per year for ten years to fund much needed expansion of the UBC Childcare services;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS endorse and join the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC.

Note- the organization fee is 75\$

From Matthew Naylor and Ignacio Rodriguez

17. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council abolish the seat on Council for the international student representative by deleting Code Section II, Article 9(1)(d) and Article 9(3) and Code Section IX A, Article 15.”

Note: requires 2/3rds

18. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Student Life Committee to, in the context of the Climate Survey for which the AMS recently issued an RFP, develop recommendations for the improved engagement of underrepresented groups.”

P) Discussion Period

President’s Fund Straw Polls

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

January 13, 2010

S) Adjournment:

19. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at _____.”

T) Social Activity: