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EUS Council Minutes

2019-03-04 | 7pm | Michael Kingsmill Forum, The Nest

A) Attendance

Name	Position	Here	Name	Position	Here
Kate Burnham	EUS President	P	Lorelei Magdzik	ENVE President	Y
Tyra Phillips	VP Academic	Y	Bryan Starick	GEOE Co-President AMS Rep	Y
Rai McKenzie	VP Administration	Y	Shoobie Pereira	GEOE Co-President	Y
Julianna Weldon	VP Communications	P	Sam Lai	IGEN Co-President	Y
Katherine Westerlund	VP Finance	Y	Joseph Gustafson	IGEN Co-President	
Corwin Shanner	VP Spirit	Y	Gabrielle Boutros	MECH President	Y
Emma Dodyk	VP Student Life	Y	Nathan Skubovius	MINE President	P
Matthew Mong	BME President	P	Truls Ytre-Eide	MTRL President	Y
Dana Mraz	CHBE Co-President	Y	Michelle Lin	PP President	P
Tatjana Stone	CHBE Co-President	Y	Ryan Rickaby	SPD	Y
Rebecca Howes	CIVL President	Y	Ruth Landicho	AOE	Y
Nancy Jiang	ECEE President		Ilakkiyan Jeyakumar	EWB	Y
Andrew Cote	ENPH Co-President	P	Jackson Herron	ESW	
Justin Kang	ENPH Co-President	Y	Miles Justice	G&Q	
Quentin Golsteyn	APSC Senator	Y	Tyra Phillips	WiE	Y
Chris Jing	ACCEPT	Y			

B) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

C) Adoption of the Agenda

Mover:

Second:

Kat: Discussion for engineering design team referendum for 15 minutes

Result: PASSED

Tyra: Discussion on council attendance right after candidate speeches

Result: PASSED

Kat: Fincomm and review of club funding

Result: PASSED

Thomas:

- Add four items to Section E from each of Riley Ty, Dylan Braam, Jas Kullar and Akash Tirkey
- Add five minute AMS Referendum Presentation from Ian Stone to Section G.
- Add item titled EDTC Referendum Approval to Section H.
- Amend Section L item titled "EUS Policy Section 7.2.13 Amendment - Second Reading" to correctly reflect policy changes.

Kat: Presentation from someone not from the EUS can go after the student-at-large so they can leave earlier?

BIRT the EUS Council agenda be adopted as presented.

Result: PASSED

D) Approval of Minutes

Mover: Tyra

Second: Rai

BIRT the following consent items be accepted as presented:

EUS Council Minutes:

[2018-02-13 EUS Council Minutes](#)

Ad-Hoc EDI Committee Minutes:

[03 2019-01-23 EUS Ad-Hoc EDI Committee Minutes](#)

Academic Committee Minutes:

[04 2019-01-28 Academic Committee Minutes](#)

Events Committee Minutes:

[Events Committee 001](#)

[Events Committee 002](#)

Executive Committee Minutes:

[Executive Committee: 027-028](#)

Conferences Committee Minutes:

[Conferences Committee: 005-006](#)

Governance Review Committee Minutes:

[Governance Review Committee: 002-004](#)

Result: Unanimous

E) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

AMS President & Senator Campaign Speech <Chris Hakim; 1 minute>

Kat: what would you say is your biggest mistake this year as VP Admin?

Chris: SASC 100%, it was not consulted on, it was not done properly, but since then I have been able to work increasingly with them, to increase student awareness and sexual violence prevention training, and I think that policy 131 is then very important.

AMS VP External Campaign Speech <Will Shelling; 1 minute>

Kat: What is your alternate ending?

Will: I have expressed concerns regarding advocacy, I think we should advocate together with the government, I have my own goals, but I am willing to push my goals aside to support what other groups want. I want to advocate with you, not for you. With the professional governance act, I want EUS with me, don't want you guys to be left out

AMS Elections Campaign Speech <Jeanie Malone; 1 minute>

Emma: Can you give us a BOG fact?

Jeanie: Camosun bog is full of special moss that helps regulate pH levels. Board of governors fact: 21 members, currently Jakob and I are members. We get 11 provincial appointees. Get 3 faculties, 2 staff, president and chancellor.

Bryan: Why do you think you're in a better position rather than a new face with new ideas?

Jeanie: The board only meets 5 times each year. Spent much time building exec relationships. Have shadowed topics to push forward. Have to spend a lot of front half of term trying to do that before change can be made.

AMS VP Administration Campaign Speech <Cole Evans; 1 minute>

Bryan: Operations committee will be a big part of your portfolio. How would you like to see this moving forward?

Cole: Addressing them separately, expulsion policy 17, clarifying the process that clubs are well aware of how to expel or suspend someone from the club. Students should know how to use the policy and go through the right channels to get that addressed. Providing easy access to information on ways to get the support they need is something I would look forward to working on.

Corwin: Move AMS booking systems online, any possible drawbacks

Cole: Capital costs will probably be high.

AMS VPAUA Campaign Speech <Julia Burnham; 1 minute>

Bryan: You mentioned pushing the envelope, EUS has been vocal on issues, how will you make sure that consultations that haven't been fully prepared will not occur again?

Julia: Fall reading break isn't an AMS consultation, we'll be moving that. It's vital for any consultation to be aware of key stakeholders. For FRB, EUS and other professional programs would be those stakeholders. We could have done a lot more in that respect.

Bryan: We raised an issue as the EUS that there may be a conflict of interest between VPAUA and holding duties in the Senate, how can where do you draw the line?

Julia: Very fine line between duties. I've made sure that my senate platform is vastly different than VPAUA platform. As VPAUA, it's useful for all bookings to be involved in senate meetings.

AMS VP Finance Campaign Speech <Jon Tomalty; 1 minute>

Corwin: What are some of the other things you would like to do?

Jon: Sharepoint systems are poor, really want to move away from it, requires organizational changes. We'll move to a bigger company which does require someone like me who fully understands the procedures.

Emma: The EUS is gaining another new program club; our new Biomedical club this year faced difficulty accessing their AMS money.

AMS VP External and Senate Campaign Speech <Riley Ty; 1 minute>

Thanky: How are you planning to improve student engagement?

Riley: AMS is working a lot behind closed doors, want to use more social media to let students know what's happening. I want it to be student-centered.

Board of Governors Student Representative Campaign Speech <Dylan Braam; 1 minute>

Rai: What are the other platform points?

Dylan: See braamforbog.com

AMS President Campaign Speech <Jas Kullar; 1 minute>

Quentin: Concretely, you mentioned well-being, what are some concrete actions you look forward to taking?

Jas: Changes to SVPro are underway, making it clearer as to what it can provide resource-wise. Want to change SASC to enable resources to be more available.

Kat: What are the major parts of the AMS budget that you want to cut to help implement these new changes.

Jas: First thing would be exec comm, their budget was unreasonably large. This is something I would look to change.

Bryan: Can you explain where you got the 12% number from?

Jas: There's \$22 million for 2018/19 budgeted; money that can be spent is on the VP finance paper. Only 12% was used for students.

[Akash Tirkey - Exam Hardships, EWB Member](#) <Akash Tirkey; 3 minutes>

BIRT the allotted time for this presentation be extended from three to five minutes

Mover: Corwin

Secunder: Quentin

Result: PASSED

Preface: Akash is here on Behalf of his fellow peer, describing a situation with their current exam schedule that requires potential review of Exam Hardship policy

Emma: Why have you brought this to the EUS? What would you like us to do about this?

Quentin: Exam hardship is more related to the Senate. There has been more and more talk regard exam policy, I would recommend looking into the resources that are available.

Akash: We want to raise more awareness to ensure something is being done for the future

Jakob: I would like to download a copy of the presentation to bring it towards to the senate.

Rai: Thank you for bringing this up to us, we do take mental health and wellness seriously, so thanks for sharing.

Attendance Discussion <Tyra Phillips, VP Academic>

Tyra: Nancy has been removed from the Board of Governors.

Thanky: Okay. Is there a process of appeal?

Rai: The EUS board is the highest governing body. You would have to bring it up from a member.

Dana: How does this affect ECE's funding?

Kat: They are not eligible for EUS council meetings so they will not be receiving this funding.

Jakob: I don't think it's acceptable to punish the entire ECE club because of one person's fault. Not good enough to say that they don't receive any funding because of policy

Kat: Two points. I don't think that this is a one off issue. This an ongoing struggle. Its been well broadcasted. I would like to introduce a motion, next meeting.

Motion to add a mandate to assess ECE's presence on the board at the next council.

Mover: Kat

Secunder: Tyra

Kat: I would like to have Nancy at the next meeting to explain her absence.

Thanky: Nancy is not in the country this week, due to her coop term.

Kat: Presidential attendance has been mandated for a long time

Favor: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 1

Result: PASSED

F) Executive Updates (2 minutes each):

President

- My apologies for not being present tonight but I am unfortunately out of town interviewing.
- Thank you all for doing the council feedback form and one on ones with me, I always appreciate the time you take and I will get you the pretty data presentation soon!
- As you know, elections are underway and candidates have been released for the EUS general election. All the best with your department elections and getting your own houses in order.
- It had been a busy time of year for PAF and Walter gage fund which have created some subsidiary projects and work.
- Much work lately with committees in terms of governance and eventually conferences. The final round of awards is also underway.
- CSE seems to have been a great success, so I'm looking forward to wrapping up all the conferences review and recommendations for the coming year.
- I've had my hands full with a few external inquiries and affairs with queens and UVic. I've also been watching all that exciting AMS elections coverage and giving the odd quote to The Ubyyssey. The AMS keeps me busy as ever. Nothing substantive came from the AMS VPX or advocacy committee for us to consider with respect to the professional governance act, they were mandated by AMS council 6 weeks ago to report back by the end of feb. advocacy committee has not yet discussed and the VPX sent out an email feb 27 looking to host a round table with affected groups.
- Have a great council!

Vice-President Academic

- Engineering Undergraduate Experience Survey is now open, I will be emailing you all the details on that shortly so you can promote that in your own departments. The goal is to incentivize participation additionally as well.
- SAC is on March 7th (this Thursday), stay tuned for presentation later
- Clubroom Crawl is on March 20th, please please please fill out the form, I emailed you all to remind you as well
- ESS continues to move slowly, Ted Baynes scholarship will just hit your inbox this week. I've been busy trying to get EUS CCA dealt with, the awards Quentin officiated were almost a year behind
- Tutoring continues on, working on finalizing the finals schedule within the week. Bookings continue to be an issue.

Vice-President Administration

- Attended a Sustainability Roundtable event with Pauline, Sustainability Director. Looked at integrating UN sustainability goals into various on-campus groups. Quite a variety of groups were present.
- Sustainability Fund Application Form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0T7H2olwiouZc03AQyga8yjvuUFDLNyxaCFvemRmFu2Stlg/viewform>
- Successful party! CEME Rollin' went well. Lots more coming up this month.
- Little hiccup wrt UBC Central bookings for ~~Mexichem~~ Tequila.
- Geering Up will be in our building again this summer! Renting out the space for storage/office for their workshops and camps. Has been a great way to decrease theft during the less-busier months of the ESC.
- Council will be packed for the remainder of the year. We're looking to stick to the schedule sent out as much as we can.

Vice-President Communications

- Slipstick is done! Thank you to everyone who submitted headshots and pictures for pages. Slipstick arrives at the end of March.
- I'll be working on transition docs, promoting EUS elections, Pi Day, and the EUES (Tyra's survey), along with the EGBC event happening this Tuesday.
- Where is J? She is at a mining conference (with Nathan too) in Toronto, but don't worry she'll be back in time for SAC.
- Website will be getting a Slipstick page for our company sponsors, along with older PDFs of Slipsticks from long ago, so look out for that.

Vice-President Finance

- Very busy, very burnt out
- Eatery
 - Very excited to be an elections booth this year
- Red Sales
 - STILL working on figuring out which t-shirt designs are memes and which are real
- Regular ol' finance things
 - Did that budget reporting
 - Working a lot on finance committee things right now
- Industry: [come to our event TOMORROW](#)
 - [In LSI](#)
 - [Very hype](#)
- THINGS I NEED YOUR HELP ON

- We have many finance committee things happening right now that we will need your opinions on
- I would like to know (esp if you're on a student team)
 - How do you think the EUS could best support student teams
 - How do you think APSC could be better supporting student teams
- The EUS has a second endowment fund, revenue ~6k every year. How do folks believe we should be spending this money?

Rebecca: What is the industry event that you were talking about

Kat: [ECBG event, no facebook event up](#)

Quentin: Can you speak about the Square issue with AMS?

Kat: AMS has had some issues over the last couple of years with Square. Would take money out of AMS square account into your square account. There were financial discrepancies. Transactions were frozen, new financial coordinator wiped old data in efforts to create a new system. They are dealing with it. Will be resolved. If clubs are having issues, let me know. I have a relationship with the AMS financial office

Justin: Would you say it's safe to use square for our upcoming events?

Kat: Yes, all the problems should be resolved up to this point, with the new system, no need to write the JB's. You can track all your transactions after Jan, data should be backed up and archived, you can request for it if you would like.

Vice-President Spirit

- E-Week
 - Winners plaque and several trophies have been ordered
 - Working on a lot of transition right now
- Alumni
 - Arranged to meet with APSC alumni coordinators to review the purpose of the fall Young Alumni event and discuss improvements/alternatives
 - If you have opinions on what you'd like to see for alumni events in the future, please send me an email, vpspirit@ubcengineers.ca
- Volunteers
 - Volunteer Appreciation happening Tuesday, March 19th at 6 pm in Kaiser 2020/2030
 - For those who don't know, it starts with a catered dinner for attendees and an awards night until approximately 8 pm, then will transition to the ESC for an afterparty, compliments of the EUS as thanks for everyone's service through the year
 - Changed the date after hearing there was going to be a fire drill on the previous date

- All volunteers with **rep, manager, and director positions** are invited, as well as all of **EUS council and PP council**. [RSVP form is here](#), please fill out if you are planning on going.
- If you are a **department club president**, you may optionally also [fill out this form](#) if you have one or two exceptional club volunteers that you'd like to be recognized at this event
- We will coordinate to let you read them out, or we can read them out (please keep it to a few sentences)

Vice-President Student Life

- Pi Week is Coming
 - Please sign up for [Pi Squad!](#)
 - [Opt in your club](#) for a visit from the Pi Week Team!
 - I need to know so I buy enough whipped cream!
- Parties soon
 - I will be checking in with all of your socos soon re. party progress and anything you need me to order for you
 - Some scheduling issues with CHBE Tequila - straw poll: for an alternative date, do you prefer March 30 (Sat) or April 5 (Fri after LDoC)
- Flag football sadness
 - Nobody registered for the flag football tournament
 - Sports reps told me they wanted March 2 and then nobody put forward a team
- Subsidy \$\$ for storm the wall still available, send me forms soon or you might not get money

G) Presentations:

SEEDS Research Opportunity Presentation <Tabinda Shah; 10 minutes>

[SEEDS Qualtrics Survey](#)

AMS Referendum Presentation <Ian Stone; 5 minutes>

[AMS Elections Information Website](#)

[SAC Presentation](#) <Tyra Phillips, VP Academic; 15 minutes>

Can you elaborate more on why you won't be making a statement on the student teams?

Tyra: EUS doesn't oversee the design team. Ultimately up to EDTC. If it continues to be a problem with many student teams, will the EUS consider advocating on the students' behalf seeing as they are EUS students.

Tyra: would definitely support them and their ongoings, but want them to figure it out

Gabby: Is updated SAC bingo going to happen this time?

Tyra: Only if you promise to engage.

Changes to Section 7.4.4: Grand Council - Second Reading

<Tyra Phillips, VP Academic; 15 minutes>

BIRT Section 7.4.4 'Grand Council' of the Policy Manual be amended as follows:

7.4.4 Grand Council

Grand Council Meetings shall:

1. Be held at least once each winter academic term.
2. Be held for the purpose of general consultation and [steering of the Society on any advocacy efforts planning in preparation for the following BASC Student Advisory Council meeting.](#)
3. Be open to all members of the Society, who are encouraged to attend; [notice of Grand Council meetings shall be advertised via the e-nEUSletter no later than ten days in advance.](#)

7.4.4.1 Composition

Grand Council Meetings shall be attended by:

- ~~1. The Executive Officers~~ Two executive officers
2. [Two Representatives Per Program Club](#)

The invitees to this committee shall be:

1. [The Engineering AMS Representative](#)
 2. [The Applied Science Student Senator](#)
 3. [The EUS Curriculum Director](#)
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Bryan: I am curious if there has been any consideration of department program clubs sending 2 individuals who would not be able to contribute?

Tyra: Yes, was considered.

Bryan: Could I suggest an amendment to change it to 2 members from the executive committee.

Tyra: Only reason I hesitate is a naming conflict.

Amendment: Policy change reads two members from executive committee.

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Result: PASSED

Mover: Tyra

Second: r Kat

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: PASSED

[Centennium Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendations](#)

<Emma Dodyk; VP Student Life; 10 minutes>

Quentin: What about the centennial e-ball?

Emma: That would come with the branding and publications as the VP communications deem appropriate.

Quentin: May I suggest including alumni or faculty into this event?

Emma: Maybe Corwin would like to speak on this?

Corwin: I can talk about this in my upcoming meeting with Tera

Truls: Comment/concern about E-ball; people already don't like the speeches, just something to keep in mind

Emma: Any changes to E-Ball should be discussed with the VP spirit and the Centennium manager as a whole

Tyra: Fun historical fact - we did invite faculty to e-ball in the past!

Gabby: Considering the way, E-ball tends to go, do we really want faculty/alumni present?

Quentin: Apparently, EUS has found a new endowment fund. Perhaps a Centennium scholarship can be created from this?

Policy Changes to Section 5.1: Executive and the EUS Volunteer Manual

<Kate Burnham, President; 20 minutes>

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Justin: What was the rationale to combine Iron pin and ring roles together

Tyra: Comm was very heavy after the change was made, we thought it was an appropriate decision.

Bryan: Question for all of exec - I know in the past couple years, roles have hopped around a lot, Iron pin has moved every year for the past 3 years, is all this movement for any benefit or just to balance portfolios.

Corwin: One main reason behind moving iron pin around is that it's hard to find an exec position with that capacity at that time of year to do it. We had an extensive discussion over exec retreat weighing what we'd be removing and adding to each portfolio. This is the best we came up with. We won't know one hundred percent how this works until next year.

Bryan: I would like to follow up. This frame of mind has been like so for the last couple of years. For these roles that have jumped around for the last couple of year, do you think that these roles are suffering due to being bounced around?

Tyra: Id say that in terms of transition manuals, we do break it up by events and services, Iron pin shouldn't suffer much, as it is a relatively new event, we are just trying out where it would best fit.

Corwin: Has been a push for complete transition documentation. All position we plan on moving is being filled out by the previous executive. Will be meeting with new executives cross-portfolio to make sure this is communicated. Will be slightly different to what certain exec are expecting.

Bryan: Onto academic, any consideration moving industry & PD, how would this influence career fair?

Tyra: Currently runs EGBC. Thought was that career fair was separate. Since it's a big event financially, we could see more support.

--Slide 7--

Corwin: Sustainability moved to stud life, because a) there was room; and b) the issues deal with student life, parties, so they would be more direct under their portfolio

--Slide 8--

Dana: What is crafts rep??

Mika: Ruth can probably tell you more

--Slide 10--

Ryan: I would like to hear other councilor's opinions regarding the removal of Charity director. It's hard to give event funding to certain ex-o clubs, like EWB or social ones. There are

professional ones which lack funding. Counter proposal: a fund that ex-o clubs could apply to so they can get money to run these charity/philanthropy/wellness events.

Gabby: As a department that does independent charity, we don't put in a lot of money. We advertise internally but it is not fair to say you need a large budget. There's not a lot of things besides volunteer hours that go into this.

Bryan: I agree with Ryan, whether ex-officio clubs were interested in taking on some of these events to keep the history going while removing responsibility

Kat: I've been thinking about what that funding model would look like. There are currently large funding disparities exist in ex officio clubs. I don't have one solid answer, would like to discuss with Fincomm, and invite Ex-o's to attend. The meeting will be next Tuesday from 12:00 - 2:00 at the ESC.

Tyra: As a part of the equity review of the EUS, and WIE, this is something that I've been thinking about as well. How do we level the playing field in terms of funding? Next step is what Kat just said.

H) Long Discussions & Discussionary Motions:

Policy Changes to Section 5.1: Executive and the EUS Volunteer Manual - First Reading

<Kate Burnham, President>

Preface: See discussion in the associated Section G presentation of the same title for justifications.

Mover: EUS Executive

Goal: To reshuffle the EUS Executive responsibilities and subsidiary volunteers to ensure that the Exec roles are as balanced as possible

Whereas:

The EUS Executive should have equal responsibility and the demands of roles gradually shifts over the years, the Executive believe the proposed changes of responsibilities would best serve the Society in the coming year.

Furthermore, the Executive wish to add various new volunteer roles and remove or alter some existing volunteer roles.

BIRT: Council accept the changes to the EUS policy manual section 5.1, as [presented](#), and the corresponding changes to the [EUS Volunteer Manual](#).

Tyra : Suspend policy 4.2 to approve this motion tonight.

BIRT Policy Section 4.2 be suspended for the duration of this discussion.

Mover: Tyra

Secunder: Emma

Tyra: All people running for positions have been notified of these changes. Want to get this into policy before the voting season.

Bryan: suspension of dual reading policy should not be taken lightly, many subsidiary policies like pi week, etc, would be affected and could have a cascading event, so I would want to see this be run properly

Truls: I agree with Bryan. There would be a cascading effect.

Corwin: Clarification - this was brought up at the all-candidates meeting today?

Tyra: No, not in person.

Corwin: We should, at the very least, give the candidates a copy of the presentation and policy changes so they are fully aware of what we will be changing (likely before they are elected).

Truls: Final comment. The candidates could probably be informed regarding these changes, Not necessarily for accepting them. I think the second reading would be for more detailed policy changes

For: 0

Opposed: 9

Abstain: 6

RESULT: NOT PASSED

Rai: Motion to hold an in-camera session

Motion: Hold in-camera session.

Mover: Rai

Secunder: Kat

Thirder: Tyra

Kat: We will be discussing people and thoughts. It won't be productive if the following words are formalized as minutes.

Bryan: I raise a counterpoint to consider, as these people are being elected as the highest form of student government, hopefully they would be able to take constructive criticism and would be understanding of who we choose to endorse. We as leaders of understanding of

AMS and EUS and its constituents and base their own choices on the opinions we have. To counter my own counterpoint, this discussion may be hindered if we are being recorded. Could be possible if we could release redacted minutes without our names affiliated with it.

Rai: Would it satisfy that we release a statement motivating our endorsement - do you want full discussion talking about candidates in negative capacity?

Tyra: Any endorsements should be accompanied by a statement. I however do agree with Bryan.

For: 3

Against: 5

Abstain: 8

Result: NOT PASSED

AMS Elections Endorsement Discussion <Kate Burnham, President; 20 minutes>

[AMS Elections Candidates](#)

Bryan: As far as I can remember, we have not endorsed candidates in other elections as a body as far as I can remember. We as a board have chosen not to do this in the past.

Shoobie: I have to agree with Bryan, this is at everyone's own time and discretion. The EUS shouldn't be endorsing a particular person, a governing body doesn't need to have to pick, as it can be a decision made by every individual.

Kat: Generally speaking, I agree with Bryan and shoobie. However, it is well within the character of EUS this year. We are not known for pulling our punches towards the candidates of the AMS. I think that there is a distinct difference in quality in the candidates in front of us. I believe we as the EUS could make a recommendation to our constituents.

Tyra: I'd like to echo Kat's statement, to make an endorsement this particular year, considering our vocality as a constituent as there's a clear line, in my opinion, the difference between the good and bad candidates, and it is in our lane to endorse someone.

Byran: The EUS has always been a vocal body, in AMS council or in student politics in general. I don't think that this year, we've been more vocal. I don't think our general interest and advocacy level at the AMS has changed. Second, I believe there are good and bad candidates every year. This isn't reason as to why we should endorse this year. I do think that this year, on first glance, contains more candidates that are "good" choices. For that reason, it's harder to support one person when there are many viable options.

Corwin: Kate had thoughts that she wanted to call in.

Bryan: I should give some context. In my opinion, the reason why we don't endorse is that incoming executives may have difficult times maintaining a relationship with the AMS, in the case that we do not endorse the winner.

Tyra: I understand that rationale. I thought is that, since there is a new AMS exec, there will also be a new EUS exec as well. I think in that regard I think they should be able to take that professionally.

Kate (Phone): One of the reasons I thought it would be good to offer endorsement is that; I believe the EUS is very involved in AMS affairs this year. We've written letters and carried out extensive actions. Many re-elections are occurring, and we should endorse candidates we believe would leave the AMS in a good place in the future. I think it would be arguably irresponsible to not say anything to inform constituents. It can be hard to parse qualifications and their meaning, so in the interest of providing reliable information, we should consider endorsing AMS election candidates. We have the capacity to make a strong impact.

Corwin: I'd like to mention that we don't have to endorse someone for every single position.

Bryan: Motion to amend the agenda to remove the following motion:

Mover: Bryan

Secunder: Justin

BIRT we vote to move the motion as presented from the agenda.

For: 6

Against: 7

Abstain: 2

RESULT: NOT PASSED

BIRT the EUS endorses the following candidates for the AMS elections:

PRESIDENT: Chris

VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS: Julia

VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION: Cole

VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL: Will & Riley

VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE: Jon

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Dylan & Jeanie

SENATE: Riley & Chris & Julia B

Bryan: My suggestion would be to do this in the sense of an election to a committee - give each candidate a 30 sec-1 min for someone to speak on their behalf (for/against), followed by a debate, and who would be the endorsed individual.

Truls: I like it.

President

--Kuol--

Kat: I have worked with Kuol a lot this year. I do not believe that his strong suits are best suited for his role in the AMS. He has interesting ideas but no organizational capacity or all-encompassing knowledge to be president.

-- Stuart

-- Chris

Kate (Phone): Chris is a very good candidate, can take criticism well and I have a lot of experience working with him, and despite his lackluster performance in debates, he is a well versed candidate and he has demonstrated a lot of competency in terms of jobs required as a president

Shoobie: I would like to say that we should keep out as much subjectivity of these candidates. We should have an objective approach to these discussions.

-- Jas--

Corwin: At the council, Jas didn't seem to have a great grasp of where money was going or where to cut/move to fund. I'm not inclined to endorse this candidate.

-- Spencer

Emma: Says that if he is elected, he would like to organize student unions to address climate change. Rather grand ambition to hold the government accountable as student body president.

Truls: I think the obvious choice here is Chris, as he has AMS experience

Bryan: Kuol also has AMS experience - current VP Finance.

Strawpoll

Kuol: 0

Stuart: 0

Chris: 17

Jas: 0

Spencer: 0

No Endorsement: 1

AUA

--Julia--

Tyra: Have reached out to each candidate. Julia reached out to me to chat about her platform which I appreciate. She has been performing very well in the debate, has clear platform and website and has a wealth of experience.

--Nick--

Tyra: I think that his platform is filled with buzzwords, doesn't have a lot of serious actionable thoughts. When i reached out to him, he just copy-pasted his platform. While I do think he has the experience for Senate, I do not believe that he isn't as qualified for AUA.

--Vans--

Tyra: I have reached out to her, but she is yet to respond. She is an outside candidate, so would bring a new lense to the role. She speaks about the AES as a new survey tool, but when asked regarding this aspect, she had no input which I found strange as it was such an integral part of her platform.

Corwin: When considering in the next strawpoll in voting, keep in mind that because Julia is Kate's sister, the EUS might not be seen in an unbiased light should we choose to endorse her, even if she seems to be the best candidate.

Tyra: I think that every endorsement that we do will be followed by a statement, and while this is a race where 2 candidates are both qualified, our statement does have a bias.

Quentin: There is an apparent conflict of interest nonetheless.

Strawpoll

Julia: 9

Vans: 0

Nick: 0

No Endorsement: 9

Discussion Continues

Bryan: This seems to be an apparent conflict of interest argument now. Undermining the legitimacy of our endorsement has already been addressed. Julia's experience in the Ubysey is wonderful, she has spent hours criticizing the AMS, and can find where to improve.

Shoobie: Would Tyra please elaborate on Julia's platform and her website?

Tyra: To elaborate, her website is clear and her speech today, she is aware of her two very distinct roles, not only does she have a platform, she also has implementation plan which is clearly shown on her website. This isn't common with her other competitors.

-- [her website](#), in case anyone wants to check it out --

Strawpoll 2

Julia: 12

No Endorsement: 6

VP Admin

--Cole Evans--

Kat: working closely with him, he is the only of these 3 to service on the AMS operations committee. He is not the worst, but the other two have not been on the committee at all. This role, unfortunately, addresses many sexual assault allegations, and he definitely has the portfolio experience with that.

Corwin: Kate wanted to talk about Cole.

Kate (Phone): Cole is one of the two councilors on AMS councilors who chairs an AMS committee. Great qualifying credential. He understands AMS intrinsically. Work on HR committee is good for working with sexual assault disclosures. For those who know some

quotes from Cole that made him painted as more of a champion, he has gone through a lot of development. Holds executives accountable. Would be interested in seeing him continue in VP administration.

--Andrea--

Tyra: I just got the chance to meet her before the council. She does seem very passionate. Not on ops comm, doesn't have a ton of relevant experience.

Straw Poll

Cole: 14

Andrea: 0

Alex: 0

No Endorsement: 3

VP External

--Cristina--

Tyra: She has lots of experience, as she is the current VP External, quite disappointed with work recently. What we saw at the AMS council is that she hasn't done much meaningful work. Has lost my trust after not being able to present adequate info after a mandate given by council.

Kate(Phone): Have sat on the advocacy committee with Christina. Was not listening to certain voices on the committee regarding the pipeline. Not satisfied with follow-up responses. Not receptive to feedback/change. Similarly, has had issues with not following through on PGA despite a six-week window, with no explanation. No indication of timeline or taking it seriously.

--Will--

Kate (Phone): Will has what we need from a VP external candidate. Has put in the time to figure out how we work as a body. Has a working knowledge of CFES and various advocacy issues, and is informed of governance acts. Seems to be able to work with our society well. This is something we want greater support with. Has been working hard all year and would be a great candidate.

--Riley--

Kate (Phone): Riley has been keen at AMS council as a science representative. Has gotten very involved and spends a lot of time at the council and with his society investigating issues with cliquiness. Shows earnest interest in what he does, is keen to please. Don't know if he comes from the same experience levels like Will. Doesn't show more earnest willingness to listen to students. Not confident that his record demonstrates ability to represent UBC effectively.

Tyra: Riley has been very keen to reach out to me to get feedback for his platform. Advocacy is a long game and Will has that experience, where he excels.

Bryan: I also lack confidence in Christina. I asked her whether a mandate of the council was more important than what was going on in her office. She merely deflected the question. I don't think I have faith that she will be an advocate for the EUS as she has not been able to do that. I can't decide on which other candidate is a better choice; both have merits and equally deserve an endorsement from us.

Tyra: I think that's a fair option as both candidates here are fairly equal.

Truls: A problem with that is saying it seems to be saying " anyone but Cristina"

Kate (Phone): Probably really negative, and we need to be careful in selecting a stance if we choose both. I think Will is a much stronger candidate, He is keen and has consulted with me about VP External position. Has qualifications over Riley.

Corwin: Reminder that we are not in the camera. We have to option to vote to not endorse any candidate if you think that it would be beneficial.

Straw Poll

Cristina: 0

Will: 6

Riley: 4

No Endorsement: 10

Bryan: Can we run a vote for Riley & Will as well as No Endorsement

Will & Riley: 9

No Endorsement: 7

Abstain: 6

VP Finance

Kat: I know we weren't going to make it personal, but Jon is very afraid of me. This would make for very effective actionable . We both know this fact.

Kaden: Does this not go against any bullying/harassment policies..?

Kat: This is more of a fact. Has had experience in VP finance portfolio, has weird ideas about how AMS is the government of Canada. I believe he understands his limits, which can't be said for the other two candidates.

Bryan: I second what Kat said. Lucia's website shows that she does not have a deep understanding of the capacity of a VP Finance. Viki does not have a website. Jon is in finance and has experience working in AMs finance-related committees. He will be the best choice of the three.

Kat: Would it be possible for us to endorse him on the basis that he take better committee minutes?

Straw Poll

Lucia: 0

Viki: 0

Jon: 16

No Endorsement: 4

Board Of Governors

--Dylan--

Kate (Phone): It should come to nobody's surprise that we should be endorsing Jeanie and Dylan. I can speak highly of them both. Dylan also has been very cooperative to work with and has been someone who's willing to collaborate with others without getting heated or political. Understands what's appropriate, and I have absolute confidence that he could work as a board member.

--Max---

Kate (Phone): Lack of confidence; have had many issues. Has largely failed to consult with us and address any failures and wrongdoings.

--Jeanie--

Tyra: I would like to declare a conflict of interest as I am working on Jeanie's campaign, thus I will not be voting on the poll.

Bryan: Both Kate and I get to spend time sitting with Max, Dylan and at times Jeanie at AMS council. Dylan is on our side of the bench more often than not. While Dylan and Jeanie are wonderful candidates, I will raise the point that these are people we work with closely and there is a conflict of interest to be considered.

--Awais--

Bryan: Has points outside of scope of board of governors.

Emma: I am also working on Jeanie's Campaign, thus I will not be voting on this matter.

Kate(Phone): I will not be voting on this as well.

Straw Poll

Dylan: 20

Max: 0

Jeanie: 20

Awais: 0

No Endorsement: 0

Abstain: 2 - Emma and Tyra

--Julia B--

Tyra: I believe that Julia Burnham, Nick, and Max have clear platforms, experience, and communication. Which proves to be beneficial in a senate at large position.

--Julia C--

--Stuart--

--Chris--

Tyra: This could have been a case of Chris feeling he needed to run for senate because he ran for president. Easy to go either way with endorsement. Responded to my questions thoroughly. Has clear understanding of senate operations. I believe, that he has been to three of four senate meetings despite not being on senate this year.

Corwin: Seeing that we have 5 endorsements we can give out, can we go through each and have a vote to decide on whether we will be endorsing each? We do not have to endorse 5.

--Mathew--

Tyra: Had a brief chat with him, means well but he has no meaningful experience, does not deserve our endorsement

--Max--

Tyra: While i think we have our differences, he has appropriate experience and although he may not be the most objective, he would provide knowledge and has an idea of what is going on.

--Iman--

Justin: I really like his picture

Tyra: Was not able to reach him regarding platform points.

--Nick--

Tyra: He is currently the Pharmacy student senator. He has the experience required.

--Awais--

--Riley--

Tyra: His senate platform is my favourite- very thorough in his responses. His platform is very clear and has a very good implementation plan

Shoobie: He handed out candy within good time frame.

Straw Poll (For/Against/Abstain)

Julia B: 19/0/0

Julia C: 0/6/7

Stuart: 0/2/13

Chris: 15/1/0

Mathew: 0/11/5

Max: 3/4/11

Iman: 0/12/5

Nick: 7/0/11

Awais: 0/7/10

Riley: 17/0/1

Endorsing: Riley, Chris, Julia B

Bryan: Votes appear to follow my/Kate/Tyra's preferences. Please ensure councilors are voting as informed councillors and not just following our statements.

Gabby: If I recall to even endorse candidates were pretty close, the amount of how much we care is clearly demonstrated. Our decisions are based on what we have been provided.

Justin: I personally feel uninformed about this, and my judgement here is based on small blurbs. We hold a lot of power, and we aren't taking time to think. We should be informed if our constituencies are uninformed.

Rai: These are all straw polls, so we still need to vote on our actual endorsements. Feel free to vote against this.

Bryan: Going another step further, if you do not feel that you are adequately informed, and if you cannot defend one who you are choosing to endorse, I would stress for you to consider on whether you should be voting at all.

Tyra: Would like it noted that two of the candidates I discussed are not being endorsed.

Corwin: Would like to amend the motion to remove the VP External endorsement from the agenda.

Amendment: BIRT no dual endorsement will be carried out for the VP External position, and no endorsement will instead be held.

Mover: Corwin

Secunder: Bryan

Corwin: Not clear as to who we want to endorse. People aren't necessarily informed enough to endorse both.

Gabby: I would like to point out that the high amount of abstentions clearly reflect the councillors votes.

Tyra: There's no possible world where two people can take this role. If we aren't clear about a single candidate want to endorse, we shouldn't endorse.

Bryan: dual endorsement not out of the blue, if there are 2 candidates that are good and one that are bad, but please vote as you choose

Kate (Phone): I would caution us from amending this to not endorse anyone. If we do that, it reads that all candidates are of equal candidates, which is not the case.

Coleman: If we endorse the dual one, we run a greater risk of Cristina winning, as we have a split vote.

Bryan: I won't claim to be an expert, but I believe it is a method of proportional representation where your second, third, fourth votes do count.

Tyra: To clarify, AMS uses a ranked ballot system.

Amendment: BIRT no dual endorsement will be carried out for the VP External position, and no endorsement will instead be held.

For: 5

Against: 8

Abstain: 4

Result: NOT PASSED

BIRT the EUS endorses the following candidates for the AMS elections:

PRESIDENT: Chris

VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS: Julia

VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION: Cole

VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL: Will & Riley

VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE: Jon

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Dylan & Jeanie

SENATE: Riley & Chris & Julia B

For: 10

Against: 6

Abstain: 1

RESULT: PASSED

AMS Elections Referenda <Kate Burnham, President>

BIRT the EUS adopt a “Yes” stance on the 2019 AMS elections referenda as outlined below:

1) Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled "Proposed Changes to AMS Bylaws"?

2) Do you support a decrease in the Graduating Class fee from the current \$7.00 to \$3.00 upon graduation, to begin in September 2019?

Note 1: All money raised through the Grad Class Fee will be deposited in the Grad Class Fund and may be used only for the purpose of supporting Grad Class as defined in the AMS Code of Procedure. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for Grad Class.

3) Do you support the AMS establishing a fee of \$0.95 a year to contribute to an Indigenous Student Fund, as of September 2019?

Note 1: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in the Indigenous Student

Fund and may be used only for Indigenous student support and initiatives.

Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for Indigenous student support and initiatives.

Note 2: The \$0.95 fee will be indexed to inflation, increasing each year in accordance with an increase in BC CPI, beginning in September 2020.

4) Do you approve of the continuation of the U-Pass BC program with an increase to the U-Pass Fee from \$41.00 per month to \$42.50 per month commencing May 1, 2020, and, furthermore, approve annual increases to the U-Pass Fee of up to 2% (rounded up to the nearest nickel)?

Note 1: A long-term renewal has been secured for the U-Pass BC program until April 30, 2025.

Note 2: If this referendum is not approved, UBC students will no longer be eligible for the U-Pass BC program.

5) Do you support an increase in your AMS fees by \$5.67, to increase the fee for the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund from \$3.63 to \$9.30 a year, as of September 2019?

Note 1: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund and may be used only for sexual assault support services and initiatives. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.

Note 2: The \$9.30 fee will be indexed to inflation, increasing each year in accordance with any increase in BC CPI, beginning in September 2020.

Mover: Emma

Secunder: Tatjana

Kat: I was consulted on these, have knowledge. Support 1,2,4,5 as the EUS, I personally have my opinions on the \$0.95 fee for the indigenous fund is too high.

Tyra: I would speak in favor in all of these referenda. I agree that the fund is a little high. However, since my candidates are running on an increased indigenous voice, therefore, this remains a good referenda

Kate (Phone): This is something that passed through AMS council; voting yes for these referenda is in the best interest. These things have been debated, and we should endorse them as a service to our constituents.

Bryan: Can anyone tell me one of the proposed by-law changes?

Kate (Phone): I know them because I was on that committee. They are largely housekeeping oriented.

For: 15

Against: 0
Abstain: 2
RESULT: PASSED

Just Desserts Awards <Kate Burnham, President; 10 minutes>

[Nominations Document](#)

Kate(Phone): I trust you read the whole document

Rai: Motion to go in-camera for everyone except Ryan; poor practice for the person we are talking about to remain in the room

BIRT council go in-camera, with council team and ex-os present except for Ryan.

Motion: Rai

Secunder: Tyra

Thirder: Kat

Ryan: If I am leaving, vote for Agnes and Wilson.

Tyra: I would like Ryan to stay during the faculty discussion.

Kat: Can I suggest that if another nominee is in the room, they have to leave as well?

For: 16
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Result: PASSED

IN-CAMERA START: 10:39 PM.

IN-CAMERA END: 10:50 PM.

BIRT the EUS nominates Dr. Agnes d'Entremont & Wilson Hsu to receive the 2019 AMS Just Desserts Awards

Mover: Gabby
Second: Kat

For: 16
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Result: PASSED

New Policy "11.6 Stance Documents" <Tyra Phillips, VP Academic; 10 minutes>

BIRT Section 11.6 Stance Documents be added:

11.6 Stance Documents

11.6.1 Description

Stance Documents are the official positions taken by the Engineering Undergraduate Council (EUS). Any amendments to the Stance Documents require a three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) in-favor vote by the Board of Governors for adoption. Stance Documents may also be removed by a three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) in-favor vote. The Vice-President Academic is responsible for updating any Stance Documents as new information and research becomes available.

11.6.2 Timeline

1. Proposed additions or changes to Stance Documents must be provided to the Council Director before the circulation of the Council Agenda
2. The proposed additions or changes will be distributed to Council with the following Council Agenda for the First Reading
3. Council will conduct a First Reading discussion of the additions or changes
4. The next Council Meeting, the updated changes will be circulated with the Council Agenda and Council will conduct a Second Reading discussion
5. After the Second Reading has occurred, Council may vote on the additions or changes at that meeting
6. Amendments to the proposed changes can be made at any time during the discussion
7. Changes and additions will be documented appropriately with the mover of the motion and the date amended.

11.6.3 Publicity

All Stance Documents passed by the Engineering Undergraduate Council must be publicly available to all constituents on the website and will be noted at the first following Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Rai: I see this being used in situations where there is clearly a stance where society members should be taken quite obviously.

Tyra: Just to be 100% clear, I have capitalized both the word Stance and Documents. Stance documents meant to be lasting things, deliberately a standing document, hopefully I conveyed this earlier.

Emma: To get more context on what we want to put it in our policy, could you elaborate more on specific cases that a stance document would be used in? Why an organization like the EUS should be writing stance documents, and how it should be in our policy on how we write stances?

Tyra: Stances are things like the fall reading break, and stance documents should we used in cases such as mental health - this is a lasting advocacy piece, covering broad strokes. I think it is pivotal for the EUS to be doing this. Doesn't speak directly to design teams, as per James' request, but that is as expected.

Justin: I'm looking at the description on stance documents seems to me that there is some distinction between stance and stance document, doesn't feel totally captured in here.

Kat: I disagree with this. I feel that writing a document vague enough to incorporate a general stance is not useful. We could write a stance, or just support what we're standing to. I think that in specific cases when a stance would be needed from the EUS, it will be specific enough that you'll take it to your board anyway. I understand there is a difference between a stance and stance document, but that may not be clear for the future.

Quentin: I tend to agree w Kat, but I also see where you are trying to go, Tyra. Much of the vp academics work is multiyear, lots of research needed, requires a comprehensive understanding of things, and also remaining consistent. Maybe stance documents aren't the right name, however, I think the vp academic role can have it incorporated in their advocacy.

Tyra: I hear that there is no a clear enough differentiation between a stance and a stance document. I hear your concerns

Bryan: At CFES Congress, one of the things that came up during discussions of VPX stream was the stances that CFES takes and their associated documents. There is much value in these documents. When the university or AMS approaches us regarding issues such as EDI, having a document outlining our stance and data to support this is very helpful for the VP Academic to do their job. It makes sense to codify this, doing so in a way that doesn't vary per-year. Thus, this policy is important and there needs to be some more description as to when it's better to use a statement or stance policy for some situation. It is important that we get this policy in place. Have long-lasting efforts to back them up. On more of a policy note, this looks like a repeat of general agenda timeline and policy change policy, with the exception that we are having $\frac{3}{4}$ vote. Does this need to be voted on, or should it be practiced?

Kat: I would like to reiterate, I think this would take a lot of effort, and i do not see much benefit to the EUS, we are no the CFES, and we do not do advocacy on that level, not a good idea for us to take such a general stance that people may take it and warp it to fit their own needs, rather than just going to the board for their opinions.

Quentin: Speaking as past VP Academic, it's important to have documents outlining initiatives. This should be inherent to the internal process of the VP Academic office.

Gabby: I would like to say that it's not a worthwhile thing to pursue. Things we look at in the council in reactionary. I am not sure how we can make these documents that are both relevant yet vague enough at the same time. ue

Truls: I understand the value of this, but making a stance document took us eight hours so don't do that all the time. I feel very uninformed as I discuss these stance documents, and am not sure what they should look like.

Bryan: I'm not the best to speak to this, never done advocacy at the same level as vp academic, possibly from the AMS, but a quote that the average advocacy campaign takes 3-5 years. It is very difficult for us as a society to handle transitions effectively as we turnover every year. To advocate for our students about many different ideas that do take longer time, we do have work being done by our VP academics that take extended periods of time, the work done by our vp academics should have the fundamental foundations and this can be a way to make sure the data and knowledge needed can be transferred to the successors.

Gabby: This could verge on political somehow. I am not sure where the line would be drawn on what the EUS should advocate for. There's the potential to have advocacy swayed by the personal ideas of a small group of students.

Quentin: I would like to respond to Truls - Working with ESS, we have been active in work-learn portfolio development. Having an official document endorsed by the EUS and referring to it while the VP Academic works or when writing to the AMS will act as a reference describing our beliefs and their basis. More bureaucratic, but may be useful.

(SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENT:

<http://cfes.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/EN-Student-Mental-Health-Workload.pdf>)

Tyra: I agree with Bryan, it doesn't have to be clearly laid out, can be simplified. Another point as someone who jumped in on the end of an advocacy piece (biomed program), it would have been very useful to have some sort of inkling about what went on in previous years.

Kat: What does that have to do with stance documents. Could you explain how the biomed consultation would be a stance document? These consultations all look very different. Since these things are very case by case, and it's not worth the case for someone to make a document that is both vague and specific enough to be applied.

Bryan: I think there is a misunderstanding about the reasoning behind this policy and how people are discussing it. I think it would be best for the vp academic to take what they have heard from this meeting and go over what changes could be made and bring it to us next time at council.

Policy Change to Section 7.2: EUS Committees <Kate Burnham, President>

Mover: EUS Governance Committee

Goal: To implement a clear EUS Committee appointment policy that encourages stronger program club committee participation

Whereas: The EUS strongly relies on its Committees to steer the Society, and as such the EUS should enable Councillors who are less represented on Committees (department club presidents) to occupy more Committee seats and be required to seek at least one nomination as

part of their duty as a member of the Board while restricting a maximum number of Committee seats per program

BIRT: Council accept the changes to the EUS policy manual section 7.2, as [presented](#).

Kate (Phone): See the attached document. The goal of this is to outline appointment policies as they lacked clarity before. Outlined a guideline for distribution of information. Have capped maximum committees one member can sit on.

Bryan: This appears like AMS committee policy, which I agree with; great idea to have board members nominate themselves for committees as it strengthens understanding of EUS committees. From my experiences, those involved with committees are able to be a more active voice. That being said, we use committees differently than AMS - theirs all deal with tangible elements. We have “sports’ and “events” committees which are less about societal steering and more about dissemination of information between departments.

Kate (phone): Way this policy change is phrased, should not have impacts on those committees. We are opening seats on committees which do something and are goal oriented; have distinct purposes and could benefit from oversight. Not everyone will be on a committee but it is a step in the right direction.

Bryan: You struck the VP admin from the finance portfolio, can you describe why you did this?

Kat: You'll see if you look at our budget, VP Admin does not handle as much money as the other execs, role of Fincomm is to review events and such. Other things cost more.

Policy Changes to Section 10: Financial Policies **<Katherine Westerlund, VP Finance>**

[Financial Policy Rewrite](#)

Kat: Added section about modification of EUS budget. If budget line will differ from initial approval, go to Fincomm and find out where it will come from. All things appear before board for review. Sponsorship policy is deleted. Added point under general which discusses finance committee. Want individual executives to track their own budget figures on their breakout budgets.

Bryan: Firstly, I think it is vaguely in here that execs have the discretion to be over/under budget by a bit. I would like to see that codified, that their budget can be over/under by 10%, should be noted by council.

Kat: What do you think about the specifications we put under first point of the modification? Vary by 20% or \$500, before it has to be going to fincomm.

Bryan: I think it need to be more clearly expressed. It is there. Lastly, having the execs be in charge of the smaller budget should be fine. Not sure what has changed since i was an exec,

we had reimbursement sheet about which part of exec budget it went under, if you are making execs do it, let them break out budget in the sheet so that it's clearer.

Emma: In Section 10.5 regarding sport subsidies 10.5.2 speaks about the sports direction that no longer is a role. Replace sports director with VP Finance because they control sports subsidy. In 10.5.3, update procedure to be actual.

Kat: Is anyone going to show disaffection if I remove the sponsorship section?

EDTC Referendum Approval <Katherine Westerlund, VP Finance>

Fee Assessment

Kat: There exists a fund where design teams can apply for funding. Must be benefitting multiple student teams. That referendum expired. I have the question. I would be in favor of suspending referendum policy to allow us to put this question on the EUS general ballot, because that gets a lot of votes and we should be asking referendums in venues where many voices can be heard. Support running this referendum no matter what, however.

Bryan: Is this the money that filled the EDTC fund? We've had issues with them spending that money - could you elaborate?

Kat: In years where engagement with council was high, the money was spent. I've been working close with design team advisory council. It's been good this year, and will hopefully be good in the future.

Bryan: why does this need to be levied through the EUS, why can't they levy the fee? Can we afford to take this fee from students?

Kat: There is nothing stopping the faculty from doing that. I don't know if that is a thing that is worth their time doing. There would be a reasonable impact in the EUS budget. I think it's worthwhile to ask the student body first.

Tyra: To contextualize, \$9300 is more than academic budget, fully in support of running this referenda, as a large portion of students are involved in design team, larger breadth of support for our students.

Kate (Phone): Part of the beauty of this is it's very protected and clear how the EDTC funds these teams. If the EUS execs decides they could spend the money better, that's a tricky area I wouldn't like to assume good will in. There may be ugly negotiations involved. We acknowledge it's important, and give it to the EDTC without micromanaging it and let the body do its work.

Kat: Do we want to suspend policy?

Straw Poll: suspend policy?

Yes: Unanimous

BIRT Policy 9.3.2 is suspended for the next motion.

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstain: 0
Result: PASSED

BIRT referendum voting is placed on EUS general election ballot for 2019.

Mover: Kat
Secunder: Justin

For: Unanimous
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Result: PASSED

Tyra: Motion to skip all updates in good faith that the council will read them.

Mover: Tyra:
Secunder: Kat

For: Unanimous
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Result: PASSED

I) Ex-Officio Club Updates (1 min each):

ACCEPT

- In process of collecting survey on field trip (site visit)
- Hosting technical workshop in April about dynamic attractions and dynamic structures. There will be speaker who started up his own firm sharing experience.

AOE

- Western Conference went well
- AOE/SPD's Second Annual Professional Development Night is coming up soon!
 - Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/317055865681650/>
- Pie day is coming up and AOE is selling Pi(e)!
 - Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/302254140483930/>

ESW

EWB

- Kumvana Fellow

- Hosting our Kumvana Fellow this week! [Allan Okoth](#)
- Discussion + food event happening this Wednesday, 6:30pm, EDC 301 (everyone is welcome!)
(https://www.facebook.com/events/341283976483620/?notif_t=plan_user_joined¬if_id=1551673195746602)
- Allan is CEO and founder of Beacon Inclusive, social enterprise “*Beacon Inclusive is a social enterprise with a mission to reboot diversity and inclusion in HealthResearch, by catalyzing Mentorship and Collaboration to foster an inclusive cultural sensitiveworkplace that will be pivotal in solving global health challenges.*”
- Spending rest of the week in several meetings with Allan, local profs in CS, Engineering, meeting with Access and Diversity, etc, as well as organizations in the GVR

Advocacy Initiatives

1. Working on a campaign to pressure BC gov't to install highway barriers along a stretch of road in Langford after one of our members lost a close friend recently (gov't has been planning to install barriers for the past 3 years)
2. Bias Awareness in Engineering event happening next week
(https://www.facebook.com/events/305462980118770/?notif_t=plan_user_invited¬if_id=1551737706167396)
3. Working on an SDG panel session, slated for April 3rd, details soon

IEEE

G&Q

SPD

- AOE/SPD's Second Annual Professional Development Night is coming up soon!
 - Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/317055865681650/>
 - Open to public, will include free food!
- Green Slime! March 15th
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/586793208454793/>
 - Ryan has tickets if you want them now!
- Super smash bros charity tournament
 - Event page TBA
 - Donation of clothes and/or food items going to Union Gospel Mission

WiE

- Breakfast for Dinner March 7th
- International Women's Day Celebration March 8th
- [Annual Mentorship events: WiSE 2019 March 12th](#)

- This is one of the biggest events we throw each year would appreciate any support you could give us
- Machine Shop Training March 14th

J) Department Updates (1 min each):

BMEUSA

- Apologies for not being there had a scheduling conflict, currently working on tequila with chbe, woo y'all should come.
- Website should be up next week ish
- Elections are going good we have about 2 people running for each position yay!

CHBE

- Currently in the middle of elections (we have 3 contested roles because CHBE council is SO much fun)
- AGM is on Wednesday
- Tequila planning (probably have to move to the Saturday unless Ryan/ the EUS team works some magic rip)
- Mentorship event last week on Tuesday that went better than expected (Thanks @Kate Burnham for inspiring our youths)
- Industry event last week on Thursday that went well

CIVL

- CEME Rolling happened. Fun was had. I like to say it was an overall success.
- [Beef & Pizza is tomorrow.](#)
- Alumni Student Night is this Thursday at Steamworks. A sponsor is buying all attending students drinks. Woo.
- Election nominations are underway.
- We're giving out Civil Student Leadership Awards. This selection committee is meeting this week.
- Merch is coming. We're getting socks. Rejoice.



ECEE

- Everyone from Silicon Valley Trip got back safely
- Had AGM on Feb 28
- MCLD renovation plan still confidential
- Year End Gala: Casino Royale on April 5th
- Taking nominations for Election. Campaigning begins March 7. Voting March 11-15
- AMS is holding our money because they have a \$95K deficit but Katherine helped us getting some back

ENPH

- **Beef and Pizza March 5th** - Terrible scheduling issues. It's in the nest great hall now.
- **Grad School Info Night March 14th**- meant for Engineering Physics Students, but other departments are starting to show interest. Let me know if you are interested in participating in the future.
- **FIRE and ICE March 22nd** - You know the drill

ENVE

- Had our AGM on March 1st
 - Made some changes to our constitution including executive titles and roles
- Industry night still happening on Pi Night @ Wolf and Hound
- Beef and Pizza this Friday
- Transition docs in the works
- EESA elections happening until this Friday

GEOE

- We hope IGEN had a dope time in Hawaii and it is too bad we couldn't hang with you guys there. We could have participated in one of the greatest EUS crossover events in history
- The Geotechnical Engineering Competition is going ahead for this Saturday and it's looking to be a smashing affair.
- Distinguish Lecturer is being held in ESB Atrium on Thursday March 14th starting at 6pm and going till 8:00 pm. This year's lecture is on tailings dams by Dr. Angela Küpper, a Principal Geotechnical Engineer from BGC. Link to RSVP is [here](#).
- Our Annual Christmas in March event will be on Friday March 22 at the Wolf and Hound. Going to be litty trees.
- Our field trip will be on March 29th to HVC AND we are opening up more seats to student by having a geohazards tour (led by the legendary Bryan Starick himself).
- Transition docs are in the works.
- Elections are looking good.
- Canadian Geotechnical Society is opening applications for student chapters. If you are interested in joining at any capacity please contact me or Intisar Farhan Ahmed at intisar.farhan@yahoo.ca.

IGEN

- Jonas brothers are back
- GRAD TRIP TO HAWAII (sry @geo we found @ubcintsci instead)
- Beef and pizza today had great attendance, ~40 (WOW)
- Elections!!! All positions with candidates
- Fire & Ice march 22nd with F R E E cover

MECH

- CEME Rollin happened, it was great except I slipped and hit my head (and now I have concerns about insurance/liability at parties and risk reduction?), we all had a good time, thanks to Civil for being gems
- Raised some \$\$ for charity with our Patagonia merch raffle
- Patagonia merch order is in
- Will anybody run for MECH prez in our elections? It's a mystery

MINE

MTRL

- Doing an afternoon snowshoeing trip to Dog mountain next week

- Starting work with the JSC to hopefully benefit the undergrads as they are supposed to be doing
- Elections nominations coming along
- 2nd round of apparel coming soon to a MTRL rep near you.

FYC

“Oasis” is the chosen name for this year’s interfaculty party happening at the esc on March 15th, boothing starts tomorrow

- Currently writing transition letters for next year’s FYC
- Ordering mini oscars to give away at our “Red Gala event”

Senate

AMS

K) Committee Updates (1 min each):

Ad-hoc Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- Meeting on Thursday, March 7th to start some serious work on Equity Review documents and report, to bring to you at the next council

Ad-hoc Governance

- We brought you committee changes to policy tonight
- We will be bringing policy changes about ‘new clubs’ next as we figure out how to deal with our growing program clubs
- Exciting!

Ad-hoc Centennium

- You heard our thoughts in a presentation

Academic

- Met on February 26th and finalized the survey questions with everyone
- Will meet once more at the end of March

Scholarship

- Nothing to report

Conferences

- CSE: a success story!
- Working on external reporting going forward
- Coming to a council near you (the next one)

Events

- Going to have one last end of year meeting post-CHBE Tequila to review the year and make recommendations for next year

E-WEEK

Executive Awards

- Almost done for the year, had a first meeting about the awards and will be having a second to finalize after volunteer appreciation

Executive

- A busy time of year, our regular time keeps flipping around
- Focus on wrap up and transition, plan for exec development in place
- Did some team policy times for the executive roles
- Planning volunteer appreciation

Fincomm

Sports

L) Short Motions/Discussions (under 5 mins each):

EUS Policy Section 7.2.13 Amendment - Second Reading <Emma Dodyk>

BIRT Section 7.2.13 'EUS Sport Committee' of the Policy Manual be amended as follows:

7.2.13 EUS Sports Committee

7.2.13.1 Purpose

This committee shall be concerned with promoting and organizing sports events in the EUS and program clubs. The Sports ~~Director~~ **Manager** will ~~communicate the relevant~~ **relay relevant information and** events to the EUS Events Committee and VP Communications as necessary.

7.2.13.2 Composition

The EUS Sports Committee shall consist of:

1. The VP Student Life
2. The Sports ~~Director~~ **Manager**
- ~~3. Intramural Manager~~
4. And One Sports Representative from each Program Club and First Year Council.

7.2.13.3 Meetings

This committee shall meet a minimum of once during the May to August period to plan EUS sports events for the year, and to introduce the Faculty Cup event and requirements for winning the Triple Crown. The EUS Sports Committee shall meet once per term. The Term 1 meeting will be held in early September to learn the sports subsidy process and review Term 1 UBC Recreation intramurals and events. The Term 2 meeting will be held in early January to review the sports subsidy process and Term 2 UBC Recreation intramurals and events, and to organize EUS involvement in Faculty Cup. The committee shall meet once at the end of the academic year to review the year and create recommendations for the next year

Mover: Emma

Secunder: Lorelai

Emma: I went and wrote more specific words in the meeting section. This is policy words of my transition manual for sports committee. Hopefully this is specific and detailed enough for these purposes. This outlines a meeting in May-August period to discuss sports event, faculty cup, and other sports-related events. Deletes intramural manager, adds sports manager.

For:15

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Result: PASSED

Health & Wellness Budget Reallocation <Tyra Phillips>

"BIRT Council approve a budget reallocation of \$500 from the Health & Wellness budget line to the Curriculum line within the VP Academic portfolio to support the new Engineering Undergraduate Experience Survey (EUES)"

Mover: Tyra

Secunder: Emma

Tyra: I bring this here in good faith. There have been attempts to host events but with extremely limited turnouts. Most recently done by last Thursdays event which had one person sign up. Would like to amend to read \$250 because I only need that much for curriculum report.

Amendment: Change \$500 to \$250

Mover: Tyra

Secunder: Rai

Gabby: There may be more reasons why events aren't successful. In general, the experiences are superficial and not as useful. May need money put towards it to alleviate this problem.

Tyra: I definitely agree, but the EUS is not equipped to run in depth events for this. In the restructuring of this, the events will be under the events manager while the health and wellness will be more of an advocacy role

For: Unanimous

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: PASSED

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For: Unanimous

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: PASSED

Next Meeting

- Monday, March 18th; 7:00 PM



Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on 11:49 PM.