



**Attendance:** Thato, Prina, Pia, Connor, Laura, Dylan, Michael, Chad, Moses, Daria, Tim, Nathan, Kelly, Johnny, Griffin

**Start:** 5:05

**End:** 5:48

Those interested in the position of Speaker will give their 2 minute speeches to the Board and then everyone will write their vote on a piece of paper.

### **Role of Speaker:**

- In charge of the operations and functioning of the CUS Board of Directors
- Thato's biggest challenge in the beginning was initiating the general functioning of the Board
- Liaising with the Executive Council
- Skills req'd:
  - Coordination
  - Openly accessible
  - Ability to conduct and run meetings with outgoing/vocal individuals
    - Keep within discussion and move forward
- There is a lot to be done with the position – it is a much higher level of commitment than a general Board member
- Laura Silvester, Outgoing President, notes:
  - Thato did an incredible job as Speaker this past year
  - The role of Speaker is leading the Board and being the face of the Board of Directors

### **Those interested in speaker (alphabetically):**

- Chad
- Moses
- Pia

### **Questions for the candidates:**

- Dylan: Chad, you are currently Senator and are also running for speaker. How can you ensure you are doing both roles well and fulfilling the expectations?
  - Chad: Has experience putting in well over 30 – 40 hours a week with the CUS. Taking on a position like this is nothing short of what he has done in the past.
- Dylan: Chad has a lot of experience with the Board. What experience do the other candidates have with such policy writing, Board, etc.
  - Moses: Has experience on a number of Boards in the past working with clients and the companies themselves
  - Pia: Has worked on the policies from the Board last year. Wants to bring equity to the Board with regards to policies and the general student body.
- Laura: What are the top 2 strengths that you will bring as the leader of the Board?
  - Chad: Knowledge of the CUS and its' history and his leadership experience he has attained in his past 4 years with the CUS
  - Moses: Very objective and impartial and he learns very quickly and can adapt to the evolutions of the Board



- Pia: Leadership skills with experience with motivating people and conducting efficient meetings, as well as effective communication between the many bodies that rely on the Board at Sauder and UBC as a whole.
- Johnny: When elected as Speaker, you now has the role of directing the meetings. You lose the ability to vote on most motions and your full role is to ensure the meeting is running fairly. What experience do you have that allows you to understand how a parliamentary meeting works and what is your vision implementing the meeting operations?
  - Pia: President of High School Student Council – always abstained unless there was a tie. Experience being quite objective with the role. Would like to ensure that there is a time limit on each topic on the agenda – the Speaker would then have the power to shape the discussion to stay within the timeline and for efficiency purposes.
  - Moses: Chair of Board's back in Kenya – has not been on Board's in Canada. He likes to get the initial feel of who would like to participate in certain discussions before the discussion begins. Would like to give everyone an equal opportunity to share their opinions unless the meetings are running late.
  - Chad: Is very interested in politics and parliamentary style meetings. Would like to stick to the agenda and roughly allocate time to certain items. Robert's Rules are important and some people may need to be cut off. Firm believer that things that need to be discussed will be discussed and the Speaker is just the facilitator – the Board runs the meeting.
- Connor: We have 3 very capable, experienced candidates. 6 months down the road, what is your vision and direction for the CUS?
  - Chad: Strategic progressive leadership of the CUS. Putting together proposals and pushing the CUS in a new direction. We have reached the 10 year point where we can now start setting the tone for the next 10 years – that largely lies with the Board of Directors. We can be successful through our vision and commitment.
  - Moses: Envisions a CUS that is more connected to the students and the people. There needs to be more partnership with the CUS and other bodies within Sauder. Would like to build more of a culture in the CUS for all students.
  - Pia: Wants the Board to be there for the students and would like the students to know the Board is there for them. We are the Board, but we are also students and we need the students to realize that their ideas and voice can be represented at the Board. Vision for the next year would be to allow students to realize the Board is there for them and that we are carrying out their vision, not strictly the Board's vision.

Pia Ghosh has been selected to be the next Speaker of the CUS Board of Directors