



**Commerce Undergraduate Society of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver**

Board of Directors Meeting | 7:00 PM - September 24th, 2019 | Henry Angus Building, Room 339

*Open to the general membership of the Society unless otherwise deemed in-camera.*

**Note:** presentations and/or proposed motions from parties other than the members of the Board of Directors should be requested to be considered for inclusion on the agenda at least seven (7) days in advance of a meeting by contacting the Chair, Dante Agosti-Moro, at [dante.agostimoro@cus.ca](mailto:dante.agostimoro@cus.ca) – materials received past this point will be considered for the subsequent meeting's agenda at the Chair's discretion.

**1) Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm

- a) Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum
- b) Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

*Motion to strike discussion on new service*

*Moved: Kaartik | Seconded: Elaine*

*Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.*

*In favour: All  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None*

*... the motion passes*

**2) Membership: Introductions, New Members, Declaration of Vacancies**

**3) Chair's Remarks**

**4) Presentations to the Board of Directors**

**5) AMS Representative's Report**

- a) More AMS branding to show what they do; expect to see more consistent branding
- b) AMS election is changing reimbursement amount to match how much is spent on campaigning
- c) Next meeting is tomorrow night

**6) Commerce Student Senator's Report**

- a) Senate meeting last Wednesday
- b) Discussed climate strike; senate and president is in support. Academic concession may be granted

**7) Ombudsperson's Report**

- a) No updates

## 8) Executive Reports

- a) President
  - i) Attended CUS SE BBQ
  - ii) Had lunch with BCC - Colleen and Marina
  - iii) Meetings with UGO - Pam and Nicole
  - iv) Spoke at CUSstart
  - v) Boothed at Homecoming with UBC Sauder Alumni Engagement Team
  - vi) One-on-one's with VPs have started
  - vii) Spoke at Transfer Student event
  - viii) Service Council interviews
- b) Vice-President, Academic Affairs
  - i) JDC is prepping for competition in January
  - ii) Touching base about project with CLC
- c) Vice-President, External Affairs
  - i) Met with all her services
  - ii) Recently hired CR team; onboarded them today
  - iii) Working on apparel order
  - iv) Working on CUS sponsorship package
- d) Vice-President, Finance
  - i) Met with Harleen and LFS about Feeding 9 Billion
  - ii) AVPF projects
- e) Vice-President, Internal Affairs
  - i) Storage room has been cleaned with light replacement
- f) Vice-President, Marketing and Communications
  - i) Met with entire team
  - ii) Resignation of CMD and YB chair; hiring currently in progress.
- g) Vice-President, Student Engagement
  - i) POITS had first event - went well
  - ii) Sauder Sports had first event - went well
  - iii) CUSstart went well - turnout was high
  - iv) Sauder Gives Back is currently taking place this week
  - v) FYC interviews taking place currently
  - vi) Grad Week date - March 20th

## 9) Committee Reports

- I. Academic Committee
  - A. Getting involved in campus-wide initiatives
- I. Budget Committee
  - A. No updates
- II. Policy Committee
  - A. No updates
- III. Awards Committee
  - A. No updates
- IV. Clubs Review
  - A. Process is completed for the most part
  - B. Club Presidents had orientation with CUS board/executives yesterday; looking forward to seeing the events to come
- V. Building Users Committee

- A. Hasn't had meeting yet
- VI. Endowment Fund
  - A. Hasn't had meeting yet
- VII. Conference Affiliation
  - A. Funded BizTech \$3000
  - B. Round 1 process completed; Round 2 will begin within the next couple of weeks.
- VIII. Internal Audit
  - A. No updates

## 10) Amendments to and Approval of Minutes

### a) Minutes

*Moved: Sanjay (Shaurab) | Seconded: Andrew*

*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve its minutes dated August 7th, 2019.*

*In favour: All  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None*

*... the motion passes.*

## 11) Business Arising from the Service Council

## 12) Business Arising from the Executive Council

### a) ~~Creation of New Service – VP Finance~~

## 13) Business Arising from the Committees of the Board of Directors

### a) Committee Appointments

- i) Suspension of Code (Section 3.07(C)(II))
  - 1) Not necessary to have Board/Exec hold chairperson position

*Motion to suspend code, specifically Section 3.07(C)(II))*

*Moved: Andrew | Seconded: Kaartik*

*In favour: All  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None*

*... the motion passes.*

### ii) Policy Committee

- 1) Chairperson Candidates: Aadim Rajan, Kristian Oppenheim, Sanjay Khemani
- 2) Aadim's Presentation:
  - (a) Genuine interest in the work of committee; capable of enacting long lasting change
  - (b) Committed to discharging work of office with integrity; capable of putting in the work and time required
  - (c) Experienced in the field of policy development; insituted change of unisex bathrooms for another extracurricular organization in August
  - (d) Sanjay (proxy for Shaurab): what are some changes you see that are needed in Code of Procedure?
  - (e) Aadim: Changes in clauses themselves, reimbursement procedure for candidates, changes with alcohol policy. Committed to working with all stakeholders for other ideas

- (f) Jenna: in Constitution, there is a devotion to election and how its run.
- (g) Aadim: has a team who is willing to present changes to be made
- 3) Kristian's Presentation:
  - (a) Had an interest in government policies all his life. Room for improvements in CUS - safety of events (alcohol consumption, First Nations acknowledgement, sexual consent, etc.)
  - (b) Also included doc for objectives in Slack Channel
  - (c) [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BPRiY-HZmptVfYK6aQQONc1\\_GTeEK27AJBaectphjx8/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BPRiY-HZmptVfYK6aQQONc1_GTeEK27AJBaectphjx8/edit)
- 4) Sanjay's Presentation:
  - (a) Seen policies change a lot over the last two years from being a part of the CUS since first year
  - (b) Has a strong understanding of Code of Procedures and Policies; wants to be involved in the CUS again this year

*Motion to remove Jessica as chairperson of Policy Committee (will remain as member-at-large) and appoint Kristian Oppenheim as Chairperson of the committee.*

*Moved: Kaartik | Seconded: Andrew*

*In favour: Dante, Jenna (Jessica), Priscilla, Kaartik, Jenny, Elaine*

*Opposed: None*

*Abstentions: Sanjay (Shaurab)*

*... the motion passes.*

- iii) Endowment Fund Committee
  - 1) Vice-Chairperson Candidate: Aadim Rajan

*Motion to appoint Aadim Rajan as a member-at-large to the Endowment Fund Committee and subsequently appoint him as Vice-Chairperson of the committee.*

*Moved: Jenny | Seconded: Elaine*

*In favour: All*

*Opposed: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*... the motion passes.*

## 14) Other Business

## 15) Discussion

- a) Fall Elections
  - i) Conducted info session (thanks to Priscilla, Harleen, and Jon for attending); 45 attendees (mainly first year students and a few third year students).
  - ii) Having internal issues with VP Marketing; will be touching base with Annie Chen about marketing initiatives
  - iii) Deadline to apply closes on Sept 26th at 11:59pm
  - iv) All Candidates Forum - Oct 1st in HA 492
  - v) Voting is taking place on Oct 7 - 8th; results will be posted on Oct 9th
- b) Board Office Hours
  - i) Required to have one hour per week for office hours
  - ii) All board member office hours were held on one day in the week last year
  - iii) Andrew: hard to coordinate everyone, suggests splitting into three groups that are spread out throughout the week
- c) Coffee Chats
  - i) <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1taQvo2kVC-v2O9rBaYuDjHkAgHD9fP-BS4gp55RUWs4/edit#slid>

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- 1) New model of coffee chats; monthly one-on-one's with first years and transfer students
  - 2) Benefits: personalized sharing of experience for students speaking different languages, year-round initiative, etc.
  - 3) Goals of campaigning: attract mentors and mentees through Facebook via Google Forms
  - 4) Goals of implementation: pairing and onboarding mentors and mentees
  - 5) Gift cards given to mentor and mentee as an incentive for people to participate in the program throughout the entire year
  - 6) Total cost: \$1100; extra budget needed: \$652
- ii) Dante: have you spoken to Student Engagement about this?
  - iii) Jenny: Yes, spoke with Kristian, Lily and Jon about this
  - iv) Jon: sees great value in this program; we have EMP for more professional mentorship but this program would be beneficial for more personal mentorship
  - v) Sanjay: do you see the value to include second year students as mentees as well?
  - vi) Jenny: more targeted for incoming students but this could be open for anyone
  - vii) Jenna: where is the \$448 that's currently budgeted being pulled from?
  - viii) Jon: SE budget under Meal line item
  - ix) Sanjay: sees value in a year-end event for all participants of the program to mingle
  - x) Jon: is there currently funds budgeted for year-end event?
  - xi) Jenny: not yet, but we could potentially get food sponsorships for the event
  - xii) Jon: to be on the safe side, we should also increase the budget to include catering for the year-end event
  - xiii) Dante: we could approve budget increase for coffee chat aspect now and decide on the specific catering amount for the year-end event at a later date
  - xiv) Jenna: agrees to settle on coffee chat amount first and once specific caterer is found, we can discuss budget for year-end event
  - xv) Dante: your timelines are quite short; are you still confident with launching this program within the next couple days?
  - xvi) Jenny: meant to introduce this program earlier; able to create posters by tomorrow. Stills wants to implement this asap/before October since students will be a lot busier in October
  - xvii) Priscilla: if you want to advertise it well, it may delay the launch of the program
  - xviii) Elaine: are there a lot of upper year students signing up to be mentors now?
  - xix) Jon: we mainly want people who can represent Sauder well, and be a strong role model to mentees. It's up to us to recruit mentors since advertising is mainly directed towards attracting mentees

*Motion to approve coffee chat program and increase allocated budget by \$652*

*Moved: Jenny | Seconded: Sanjay (Shaurab)*

*In favour: All  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None*

*... the motion passes.*

## 16) Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors shall be: TBD.

## 17) Adjournment

*Moved: Priscilla | Seconded: Sanjay (Shaurab)*

*There being no further business, be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:26pm.*

*In favour: All  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None*

*... the motion passes.*

## CUS Attendance

Name	Position	Present ("X")	Late (Time)	Proxy (Name)
<b>Board of Directors</b>				
Priscilla Chan	President	X		
Dante Agosti-Moro	Commerce Student Senator	X		
Andrew Huang	Alma Mater Society Representative	X		
Jessica Jiang	Fourth Year Representative			Jenna Leung
Shaurab Hamal	Fourth Year Representative			Sanjay Khemani
Kaartik Sathianarayanan Shakila	Third Year Representative	X		
	Third Year Representative			
Elaine Zhang	Second Year Representative	X		
Jenny Zhao	Second Year Representative	X		
	First Year Representative			
	First Year Representative			
Chantal Despres	Ombudsperson			
<b>Executive Council</b>				
Suprabhe Ballary	Vice-President, Academic Affairs			—
Harleen Sohi	Vice-President, External Affairs			—
Jenna Leung	Vice-President, Finance	X		—
Joshua Lee	Vice-President, Internal Affairs			—
Jonathan Kim	Vice-President, Student Engagement		X	—
Annie Chen	Vice-President, Marketing and Communications		X	—
<b>Other</b>				
Kassandra Tran	Administrative Director	X		—

**Guests (optional)**

Name	Affiliation	Present ("X")	Late ("X")	Notes
<b>Invited</b>				
Sanjay Khemani	Proxy for Shaurab Hamal	X		
Aadim Rajan	Chairperson, Elections Committee	X		
<b>Other</b>				