



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

Board of Directors Meeting | 6:00 PM - January 29th, 2020 | Henry Angus Building, Room 039

*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 Vice-Chair, Jessica Jiang, at [jessica.jiang@cus.ca](mailto:jessica.jiang@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 6:15pm

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

*Moved: Dante | Seconded: Kaartik*

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

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

*... the motion carries.*

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

**3) Chair’s Remarks (5 minutes)**

- a) Dante: Jessica taking over. Postpone code to next term, risk mitigation will be approved next meeting. AMS making amendments to student senators. There is a chance that the senator cannot be a BCom student. Senator will be decided after AMS decides.

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

**5) AMS Representative’s Report (5 minutes)**

Andrew:

- Chief electoral is pursuing changes to undergraduate election timelines, especially CUS. Andrew will restate that CUS runs a strict timeline and in order to smoothly transition, early election is needed.
- Starting May 2020, Upass is renewed till 2025. Price is TBD but there will be an increase. Dante: \$4 increase
- Skytrain to UBC
- AMS code changes, mostly about increasing fees

**6) Commerce Student Senator's Report (5 minutes)**

Dante: Breakfast with Santa Ono on Sunday

- External review of the senate.
- Early release of exam schedules
- Arts student senator: Having major/specialization visible on their degrees
- New Scholarships, awards
  - In memorial of the Iranian crash

**7) Executive Reports**

## a) President (10 Minutes)

- Filmed CUSnack video
- Met with Bonnie Li, alumni coordinator, how can the alumni office help us
- Curriculum changes, culture in Sauder
- AMS inter-constituency social
- UGO/CUS Check In
- Attended Commerce Day

## b) Vice-President, Academic Affairs (5 Minutes)

- CMP hiring done. Very competitive pool of candidates. Great response in the past term. Served over 450 students through the tutoring sessions.
- Exco focusing on marketing plans and posting more about conferences going on to make people aware about it and encourage students to get reimbursements on it
- JDC West won "2nd best academic school of the year" and "3rd best school of the year" during the competition 2 weeks ago
- Junior dev had over 80 applicants from which we selected 61 into the program. A lot of interest in the program from lower year students.
- Have been in talks with BCC to find efficiencies in offerings provided by CUS and BCC. Have been providing them information.
- Planning to do a "Meet your prof" event with 3:1 ratio at the gallery with say 80 people in the pilot year in March. What does the board think about that initiative? Please send feedback to Suprabhe or Rose!

## c) Vice-President, Student Engagement (5 Minutes)

- AGM (Annual General Meeting) coordinating with hiring fairs and affiliated clubs happening in March
- Sauder Sports: Basketball tournament
- HeWe: Picnic last week, bullet journaling first week of feb
- Graduation Volunteering (19+)
- CCP: teams go to vancouver food bank
- BUCS Night
- FYC: Candy grams
- General portfolio: No student surveys due to delayed audit
- CUSnack by AVP: Lily Du

## d) Vice-President, External Affairs (5 Minutes)

- CUS reunion is under way (April 30th, 90% confirmed, at Yaletown), chat with Harleen
- UBC relay and MOVE reached out, more updates to come
- CPABC attended Commerce day
- POITS risk mitigation report (Contact Harleen)
- Olivia, new UGO person
- CR is reaching out to companies, more updates to come
- LGBTQ: Out conference, very successful
- Me Inc. Conference March 13

## e) Vice-President, Finance (5 Minutes)

- Q3 on the way, planning analyst involvement with that
- Paying for Imprint's operations as that is coming up

- AMS Finance Caucus coming up
- f) Vice-President, Internal Affairs (5 Minutes)
  - Lockers have been processed, still processing last minute purchases
  - Storage Room upgrades will be done in the next 2-3 weeks, looking to get more shelvings
  - Commerce Day went well, gala had decent turnout and booths went smoothly.
  - Sustainability has several events planned and conference planning is underway
  - Elections (for first round) is about to end, senator elections will be prepared after current round of elections concludes
  - Awards and Recognition planning is underway, will be speaking with them tonight
- g) Vice-President, Marketing and Communications (5 Minutes)
  - Visual Media: 3 cameras stolen, full investigation underway. No more funding for equipment for this year
  - Checking with Artona to see how Grad headshot signup is going. Grads please check CUSunday. Deadline is March 6.
  - Mental Health Awareness: Video will be uploaded on CUSocial Media

## 8) Committee Reports (5 Minutes Each)

- I. Academic Committee
  - All is well, won't be meeting until Feb
  - Collaboration with Hong Kong to get 2 BCom degrees
- I. Budget Committee
  - No Updates
- II. Policy Committee
  - Dante: Risk Mitigation will be sent out. This will be our flagship policy.
  - Harleen: Can I assume that the edits for execs will be approved
  - Dante: You can assume they are approved
- III. Awards Committee
  - Meetings have been set to discuss details
- IV. Clubs Review
  - No updates
- V. Building Users Committee
  - Meeting sometime next week
- VI. Endowment Fund
  - New fridge
  - Chantal: Sign on the fridge "Please maintain the cleanliness of the new fridge. Will be emptied out every Friday evening each week. CUS is not responsible"
- VII. Conference Affiliation
  - All MOU have been sent out
- VIII. Clubs Innovation Fund
  - Andrew:
  - 5-6 application ranging from inquiry to presentations in progress
  - 2 Student at large needed
  - Specifically targeting CUS clubs

## 9) Amendments to and Approval of Minutes

*Moved: Dante | Seconded: James*

*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve its minutes dated December 19th, 2019.*

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

... the motion carries.

**10) Business Arising from the Service Council**

**11) Business Arising from the Executive Council**

**12) Business Arising from the Committees of the Board of Directors**

- a) Motion to suspend code regarding Senator elections.

*Moved: Dante | Seconded: Priscilla*

*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the suspension of code regarding Senator elections dated Jan 29, 2020 .*

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

... the motion carries.

- b) Hiatus regarding EMP

- Harleen: EMP Chair had big visions but their schedules were unrealistic to carry out the responsibilities. Best to put it on hiatus. Re-evaluate and restructure the program so it lives up to the investments and expectations.

*Moved: Priscilla | Seconded: Shaurab*

*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve putting EMP on hiatus until Sept 2020 dated Jan 29, 2020.*

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

... the motion carries.

- c) Voting for The Venture's hiatus

- Annie: The Venture is one of the oldest services of Sauder. It is a student-led newspaper. Due to the growing prominence of social media, they are having trouble getting readership and valuable information to publish.
- Dante: disband or hiatus
- Annie: hiatus. They are not in a position to move on with this service this year but depending on their exec team next year, the value of this service may change
- Harleen: This service has failed year after year. CUSunday provides the same service. Is it worth it to drag it out for another year? There is no need for this service. I fail to see the value this service provides to students
- Dante: Agrees with Harleen. Times are changing but it's not worth continuing having the same conversation. The funding can also be better reallocated to provide more value
- Chantal: Value can be fulfilled by other services, such as Ubyyssey and other services.

*Motion to disband The Venture*

*Moved: Dante | Seconded: Kevin*

*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the disbandment of The Venture dated Jan 29, 2020.*

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

*... the motion carries.*

*Motion to go in-camera*

*Moved: Dante | Seconded: Daniel*

*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve going in-camera dated Jan 29, 2020.*

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

*... the motion carries.*

### **13) Ombudsperson's Report**

### **14) Other Business**

### **15) Discussion**

- a) Replacing coffee counters in student lounge
  - Shaurab: Coffee tables are disgusting, invest in new coffee tables. Allocating some budget to make the lounge more enjoyable
  - Dante: This is property to the people that own the machines, we should reach out to the company to make amendments or buy new ones.
  - Harleen: Reach out company inquire ownership of those tables. Contingent vote: if company says no, we buy new ones immediately, if yes, they replace it or rediscussion.
  - Shaurab: Slack poll for amount and approval from exec or board. Get money from endowment fund and look into this

*Motion to have Shaurab talk to the coffee company to see whether the table is their property or not. If yes, we will ask them for a replacement. If not, we will Slack poll an amount which will be funded through Endowment Fund*

*Moved: Shaurab | Seconded: Dante*

*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve getting new tables dated Jan 29, 2020.*

*In favour: Daniel, James, Kevin, Shaurab, Jessica, Elaine, Priscilla, Jenny  
Opposed: Dante  
Abstentions: None*

*... the motion passes.*

- b) Microwaves
  - Shaurab: 4 new microwaves with lids
  - Harleen: plus lysol wipes

*Moved: Shaurab | Seconded: Dante*

*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve getting 4 new microwaves for the lounge dated Jan 29, 2020.*

*In favour: Elaine, Jessica, Priscilla, Kevin, Daniel*

*Opposed: Dante, James, Jenny*

*Abstentions: None*

*... the motion passes.*

**c) NIBC updates**

- First round of submissions are over.
- Submission are being graded
- Final round conference March 10-13, help from CUSunday, selling tickets at CPA Hall at no charge. Using the CUS storage room. Flying in speakers, professionals.
- AMS club is underway, deadline is Feb 1. About to submit the final copy.
- Vote on uplifting MOU next board meeting. Wants CUS sponsorship afterwards if MOU is broken and funding is received.
- When voting, think independently. Think about how NIBC adds value to Sauder students, especially finance students. There are no other alternatives that offer the same value as NIBC. More updates next meeting.

**d) POITS x Everyone**

- Happening Friday. Potentially the biggest events in terms of attendees. More risk mitigators needed
- Risk Mitigation Officer: Walk around, be on the eye, no influence. (Jon, Harleen, Jessica, Suprabe, Elaine)

**e) Artona Photos**

**16) Next Meeting**

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

**17) Adjournment**

*Moved: Dante | Seconded: Kevin*

*There being no further business, be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00PM.*

*In favour: All*

*Opposed: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*... the motion carries.*

## 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	X		
Shaurab Hamal	Fourth Year Representative		X	
Kaartik Sathianarayanan Shakila	Third Year Representative	X		
Daniel Cho	Third Year Representative	X		
Elaine Zhang	Second Year Representative	X		
Jenny Zhao	Second Year Representative	X		
Kevin Yang	First Year Representative	X		
James Chen	First Year Representative	X		
Chantal Despres	Ombudsperson		X	
<b>Executive Council</b>				
Suprabhe Ballary	Vice-President, Academic Affairs			—
Harleen Sohi	Vice-President, External Affairs	X		—
Jenna Leung	Vice-President, Finance			—
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			—

**Guests (optional)**

Name	Affiliation	Present ("X")	Late ("X")	Notes
<b>Invited</b>				
<b>Other</b>				