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## Executive Council Meeting

**Scheduled Time: 6:00 PM - March 2nd, 2020 | Location: CUS Boardroom**

Open to the General Membership of the Society Unless Otherwise Deemed In-Camera

**Note:** presentations and/or proposed motions should be requested to be included on the agenda at least three (3) days in advance of a meeting by contacting the Administrative Director, Cassandra Tran, at [kassandra.tran@cus.ca](mailto:kassandra.tran@cus.ca) – materials received past this point may be considered for the subsequent meeting's agenda at the Administrative Director's discretion.

### Attendance:

Name	Position	Present ("X")	Late ("X")	Proxy
Priscilla Chan	President (Chairperson)	X		
Suprabhe Ballary	Vice-President, Academic Affairs (Vice-Chairperson)			
Harleen Sohi	Vice-President, External Affairs	X		
Jenna Leung	Vice-President, Finance			
Joshua Lee	Vice-President, Internal Affairs			
Annie Chen	Vice-President, Marketing and Communications	X		
Jonathan Kim	Vice-President, Student Engagement	X		
Chantal Despres	Ombudsperson			
Kassandra Tran	Administrative Director	X		

Guests:

### A. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm.*

### B. Amendments to and Adoption of the Agenda

*Moved: Annie | Seconded: Jon*

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

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

*...the motion carries*

**C. Presentations to the Executive Council**

**i. AMS VP External - Andy Wu**

- I. Different approach: business federation and business union
- II. Jon: what is one thing that you're really pushing for in your campaign?
- III. Andy: Advocate on affordability; can push for more than that with the power of student body
- IV. Andy: Need to get business case ready by next year regarding Translink expansion of skytrain to UBC → more of a long-term vision
- V. Annie: how will you connect with students on a more personal level to communicate when changes have been made, etc.?
- VI. Andy: this is just an opening offer; final plan is based on the needs of the student body, AMS Council, other constituencies, resources, etc.
- VII. Jon: what differentiates you from other candidates?
- VIII. Andy: running against two candidates; one is a grad student who hasn't been campaigning at all; the other had a platform that was written for him. Andy is accountable and have spoken to many students to understand their needs

**ii. Students for Students Slate - Chris Hakim**

- I. Student Legal Funds Society - ensuring society is as successful and transparent as possible; provides legal aid for students and informing students where their money is going into (\$750K accumulation of surplus not being used)
- II. 3 pillars: accessibility, financial aid, strategic partnerships
- III. Process for accessing legal aid is so challenging and full of barriers; only one legal case was aided for last year
- IV. Jon: how many applications get through?
- V. Chris: lower double-digits due to the accessibility issue (confusion with the application)
- VI. Cassandra: what types of cases do you aid? What type of aid do you provide?
- VII. Chris: typically human rights and tenancy issues. Both financial aid if people already have lawyers or we provide lawyers but the issue is that we don't have the lawyers to provide.

**D. Personal Updates**

**E. Professional Updates**

- I. President
  - Checked in with UGO
  - Attended CABS Roundtable Conference
  - Chat with Lauren - UGO

- Building Users Committee - supposed to have call; meeting with Linda on Wednesday to discuss 4 deliverables
  - Attending BCC and CUS presentation
- II. Vice-President, Academic Affairs
  - No updates
- III. Vice-President, Finance
  - Q3 is underway
  - Eric, Daniel, and Kylie - incoming Finance team are helping her with reimbursements
- IV. Vice-President, Internal Affairs
  - Awards - Round 1 invitations are out
  - Storage room cleaning this Friday
  - Transitioning with incoming VPI this week
  - Chasing Sustainability conference promotions this week
- V. Vice-President, Marketing and Communications
  - Talking with Y&P co-chairs about when to extend Artona deadline to
  - Meeting with CMD's in the upcoming weekend
  - Published Nicholas On's resignation on CUSunday
  - Meeting with VM soon
  - Speaking with Jon about CUSpring - happening next week
  - Onboarded incoming VPM - Victor
- VI. Vice-President, External Affairs
  - Meeting with incoming VPX this week to transition him
  - Met with UGO couple times last week
  - Attended CABS this weekend
  - Me Inc. - planning is heavily underway as conference is in less than two weeks
  - CR - Steven has been speaking with Shawn about Mobi bikes; potential sponsorship prize of 5-year subscription
    - LGBTQ - planning last event for March 16th; couldn't get room booking in Sauder
    - SVPSC - meeting this week to find new date for mini case competition
    - Working on MC-ing for Grad Night
- VII. Vice-President, Student Engagement
  - CCP - Attended event on Saturday; turnout was good. Last event coming up this Wednesday
  - Sauder Sports - conference on Thursday
  - POITS - wasn't able to get SPC on Friday; trying to get it for Thursday
  - Need numbers for Board meeting AGM
  - Attended Sexual Assault Prevention workshop on Friday; went really well
  - SISA - Cultural Night confirmed March 26th
- VIII. Administrative Director
  - Onboarded Grace - incoming Admin Director
  - Finding day for artona photos for board and execs
    - I. March 16th or 23rd in the evening- execs
  - Planning for CUS retreat

- IX. Ombudsperson
- No updates

**F. Executive Business and Discussion**

**i. CABS**

- I. Harleen: Attended CABS Roundtable Conference this weekend; met the CABS President. Wanted to know more information about why UBC left CABS a couple years ago; he said that it was because CABS was a very disorganized/dysfunctional organization back then but have improved a lot over the years. Workshops and sessions in the morning; had large portfolio sessions to share ideas of things that are going well/bad between different schools and learned a lot about similarities and differences between how schools operate. If we were to rejoin CABS, only concern is the image and backlash we'd get from students (there's a membership fee and additional conference fees every year)
- II. Jon: do you think we should rejoin CABS?
- III. Harleen: the network, connections, and freshness provided by CABS could be a huge value-added to us. A lot of the issues we came across this year could've been aided/solved had we been a part of CABS and could use the fresh ideas and opinions from members of CABS. CABS said that backlash is inevitable but it's important to set boundaries/rules and communicate the value-added
- IV. Priscilla: there was one school with a co-president which is cool to see. All the schools are so unique and there's something we can get from every school on how they operate.
- V. Annie: we will get backlash on anything that involves spending student money therefore, we must set a precedent that everyone needs to pay half [for attending the conferences]
- VI. Harleen: there was a school who paid a little out-of-pocket for the flat fee of attending the conference so that's an option
- VII. Jon: suggests that Harleen and Priscilla create a report for the incoming team to decide
- VIII. Priscilla: if we are able to get sponsorships that can fund for students to attend this conference, then this will solve the issue of student backlash. Also during the Presidents session, it was really valuable to see how other schools had processes in place regarding ideas that she had thought about but never believed would be possible
- IX. Jon: overall, as much as we ideate or discuss this, it really comes down to the incoming team at the end of the day to decide on how they would like to proceed.

**G. Approval of Minutes**

**H. Next Meeting**

Monday, March 9

**I. Adjournment**

*Moved: Harleen | Seconded: Jon*

*There being no further business, be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:01pm.*

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

*...the motion carries.*