



THE ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY

OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

Arts Undergraduate Society Council Agenda

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 4th at 6PM PT

Location: ASC 2nd Floor

A) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 6:19 PM

B) Speaker's Business & Land Acknowledgement

C) Adoption of the Agenda


"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented."

Moved: Sarah Seconded: Ryan

- Motion is in order.

D) Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Committees

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on **November 27, 2024** be accepted."

 27/11/24 AUS Council 24/25

Moved: Zahara Seconded: Khushal

- Motion is in order.

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Arts Caucus Committee meetings held on **October 10** and **November 24, 2024** be accepted."

☰ **Arts Caucus Committee 24-10-10**

☰ **Arts Caucus Committee 24-11-05**

Moved: Ryan Seconded: Kayan

- Motion Passes

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council Accountability and Performance Review Committee held on **November 30, 2024**, be accepted."

 **November 30, 2024 - CAPR Committee Agenda.pdf**


Moved: Sarah Seconded: Jodie

- Motion Passes

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Governance Committee meetings held on **July 20, August 8, August 28, September 10, September 17, September 24, October 1, and October 8, 2024** be accepted."

 **July 20, 2024 - GovCom Agenda_Meeting Minutes.pdf**


 **August 8, 2024 - GovCom Agenda_Meeting Minutes.pdf**

 **August 28, 2024 - GovCom Agenda_Meeting Minutes.pdf**

 **September 10, 2024 - GovCom Agenda_Meeting Minutes.pdf**

 **September 17, 2024 - GovCom Agenda_Meeting Minutes.pdf**

 **September 24, 2024 - GovCom Agenda_Meeting Minutes.pdf**

 **October 1, 2024 - GovCom Agenda_Meeting Minutes.pdf**

 **October 8, 2024 - Governance Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf**

Moved: Zahara Seconded: Jai

- Motion Passes

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on **September 27, 2024** be accepted."

 **Finance Committee Sep 27 2024 (2).pdf**



Moved: Ananya Seconded: Pierce

- Motion Passes

E) Membership: Introductions, New Members, Declaration of Vacancies

President - Ryan
VP Academic - Ananya
VP Administration - Kaysan
VP Engagement - ABSENT
VP External - Sarah
~~VP Finance - Jai~~
VP Student Life - VACANT
Equity Commissioner (non-voting) - Mekha
AMS Rep - Eshana
AMS Rep - Lawrence
First Year Rep - Alex
First Year Rep - Zahara
Second Year Rep - Jiya
Third Year Rep - Khushal
Fourth Year Rep - Joey
Arts Student Senator (non-voting) - Jasper
Speaker (non-voting) - Kevin
Clerk (non-voting) - Jaromir
AMNE Rep - Tom
Anthropology Rep - Teagan
Art History Rep - Stella
Cognitive Systems Rep - Stuti
English Rep - Anika
GRSJ Rep - Anmool
Geography Rep - Pierce
History Rep - Ethan
IRSA Rep - Nuray
MSSA Rep - Jodie
Psychology Rep -
PSSA Rep - Jasleen
SNSA Rep - Tyler
Sociology Rep - Proxy: Cate
SALSA Rep - Mandy
Visual Arts Rep - Robin



Motion: to move VP finance attendance until after section F) Presentations

Moved: Jai Seconded: Ananya

- Motion Passes

Students-at-large:

Melinda

Erin

Suki

F) Presentation (max. 10 minutes each)

1. Executive Midterm Reviews (Max 6 minutes)

Presenter: Executive Team

≡ **VP Finance Term Review**

≡ **Progress Report AUS Executive Goals - Equity Commisionner**

VP Finance:

Jai: After careful consideration, I have decided to resign. It was great working with you all, and I am happy with the progress we have made on our goals.

Sociology: Comments were disabled on the doc.

Pierce: For goal 4, when will these grants open and will we have rubric information about how they will be assessed? And is the operations grant by term or by year?

Jai: Nothing in code says that clubs cannot apply twice. I can ask for them to send out rubrics in term 2. The biggest issue is the level of details about events. Kaysan should be sending out AUS Assist information soon. There is going to be a rolling events grant, AUS merch, and logistical support from club administrators. AUS volunteers can help with your event.

Kaysan: If you are a club please check your email for AUS assist, let me know if you haven't received it. The AUS assist form is also available on the resource page of the website.

Pierce: The AUS Assist program is a very positive development, and if there is anything we can do to help with the initiative please don't hesitate to ask.

Kaysan: There is also an anonymous feedback section to the AUS Assist form, and the option to email governance@aus.ubc.ca. I want to clarify that the AUS Assist program was kickstarted by the Finance Portfolio and Jai.

Jai: AUS has funding, and it is good for that to go directly to club events.



Ryan: I just want to thank Jai for all of his work. Our financial management has been excellent, and the goals speak for themselves. Thank you so much for all that you've done and we're sorry to see you go.

Kevin: You have really revitalized finance and brought new people into the AUS, we are so grateful for all the work you have put in and the leadership and mentorship you have done in the Finance portfolio

Ananya: I want to second this. It is sad to see you go, and thank you for your work.

Equity Commissioner:

Ethan: I have a question about goal 3 action item 1. You mention consultation, how do you intend to consult with all of the groups you list.

Mekha: Ryan and I decided to focus on the AUS specifically first, then hold a general town hall for clubs. Once we have club comments, we are opening it up to all campus clubs to contribute. Then we will directly reach out to faculty members and the AMS for comments. After that we will bring it to council.

Ethan: How do you think this strategy would be applicable to AUS clubs and the broader community?

Mekha: Clubs are impacted by the AUS and all of the portfolios, so it makes sense to consult them.

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the presentations be passed as presented.


Moved: Sarah Seconded: Kaysan

- Motion passes by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority

2. CAPR Committee Reports - Incomplete with amendment

Presenter: Kevin, Jodie

 CAPR External Portfolio Review.pdf

 CAPR Administration Portfolio Review.pdf

Kevin: Executives are declared in conflict, please leave the room.

Ryan: Point of order, are we moving in camera?

Kevin: No. Executives will hear what is said, but it is better if executives are not present.

Ryan: This isn't the Committee though, it's a presentation?

Kevin: There is precedent for this earlier in the year, I will make this ruling as speaker.

Zahara: What is the difference between the governance committee and department?



Jodie: The department is the council team and clubs administrators, whereas the governance committee is a committee of council made up of council members. They vote to change the code of procedures. The department is very diverse, which is why we recommend moving admins to external.

Teagan: This card is very varied in terms of grades, and we think this report card is helpful to point to areas that need reassessment.

Kevin: Everyone on CAPR left a lot of comments, and found that External has much less work to do than other departments. The committee feels that moving the club admin role from admin to external would be a better fit and allow more focus on clubs. There are a lot of responsibilities in admin, and clubs would have better communication from the AUS if they were in external.

Jodie: Goal three of the External portfolio was to improve club communication, and this fits well with the club administrator role.

Sociology: Would the restructuring be for next term, election cycle, and what if the next VP's goals aren't the same?

Kevin: We want to pass this report incomplete with amendment. Actualizing some of these goals will need to go through council and governance committee. CAPR would have to pass a motion to actually actualize things. This is mostly to test the process. These recommendations would mostly be for next year. It is also up to governance committee and council. If the next VP external has different goals, it would still be part of the role. We believe this would improve communication.

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the CAPR External Portfolio Review be passed as Incomplete with Amendment

Moved: Jodie Seconded: Teagan

- Motion passes by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the CAPR Administration Portfolio Review be passed as Incomplete with Amendment

Moved: Pierce Seconded: Jodie

- Motion passes by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority

Sarah: Thank you for the report, it looks like a lot of work and it is very helpful.

Kaysan: Thank you again to everyone, I hope that the emails coming out this week and later this year can help me hold up my end of the bargain.



G) Membership: Introductions, New Members, Declaration of Vacancies
VP Finance - VACANT

Students-at-large:
Jai

Kevin: As the Speaker of AUS Council, I hereby declare the office of the Vice President of Finance vacant. Elections to fill this position will be held at the next sitting of AUS council by means of an In-Council Byelection.

H) Executive Reports (max. 5 minutes each)

President

- My written report is in last week's meeting minutes. This past few weeks have been very busy with arts week and next term. I have been in contact with the faculty and AMS.
- The internal department is making sure volunteers are doing alright during exams, and looking ahead to next term. We will be doing a potluck (nice holiday gathering) for people to de-stress during finals
- I will be hiring a few more director-level positions because several portfolios are short volunteers. I will be hiring 4 directors for special projects. Referendums cannot be promoted by the elections team, but they can be endorsed by the AUS. We want a team to put resources towards that.

VP Academic

- We had the HeWe event earlier today with high attendance. We will adobe distributing care packages. I am set to meet about the career fair which compass is helping with. Most updates are in past meetings, I have nothing more to add.

VP Administration

- Site inspections have been going well. Club admins will be sending out an email in the next few days. Advance ASC bookings will be open for AUS clubs on the 6th, we will be processing them over the break. The web admin has been making progress on the volunteer portal and clubs database. AUS assist is also live, clubs should have received information from us. The sustainability strategy has been finished, but we need to consult with opscoe before bringing it to council. Also working on foodhub, the next event is a sandwich social.



VP Engagement

- Absent

VP External

- The bulk of my updates are in last week's agenda. Since last week, we have been doing a donation drive. The volunteer database is about to launch. We have been making good progress on bookings in Buchanan, and we want to work with clubs! We want Art's week to be a huge thing so please get back to us if you want to be involved.

VP Finance

- Vacant

VP Student Life

- Student life has been busy. UYC had a successful event. Everyone is busy working towards next term. Had a successful gingerbread making event. Gearing up for next term and lilac gala.

Equity Commissioner

- We've been working on social media a lot, a post should be coming up.

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AUS Council accepts all reports other than those already accepted.

Moved: Kaysan Seconded: Ethan

- Motion is in order

I) Departmental Club Reports (max. 5 minutes)

 04/12/24 Club Reports

Teagan: For ASC bookings, could we book a gala after closing in the evening?

Kaysan: That is totally doable, we want to make sure you have additional priority. The 1st and 2nd floor have a maximum capacity of 78 people, just to let you know. From our listening sessions with clubs is that they would like a document with all important AUS contacts. This sheet is in the club section of the AUS website. You can check this for more information about who to ask for bookings etc.



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Moved: Ethan

Seconded: Pierce

- Motion is in order

I) Committee Reports (max. 5 minutes each)

Arts Caucus Committee

- We're working on a survey right now that will come out in January to sync with Arts week. This is going to be an AUS-focused survey, less of a faculty-focused survey. We want to know what they're missing and what we can improve. We are also focusing on the Arts strategic plan. We're planning to release a letter in support. We have been having a lot of conversations about the direction of the committee.

Executive Committee

- Executive committee has been short a couple of people. It's been a bit slower in the end of term since everyone is busy with school and events. A lot of planning is going into coordinating arts week, not much beyond that.

Finance Committee

- No report.

First Year Committee

- We have had quite a few updates. We had our murder mystery night, got exactly the turnout we expected. We incorporated a feedback survey after the event. We had a smaller scale event yesterday, and got 6 times the turnout expected. We spent more than we wanted, but were able to foster a wholesome community that aligned perfectly with exam season. Recaps will be posted soon. We have started an unofficial advocacy subcommittee that has helped the Arts Caucus committee with its survey.
- Next term we will have an interfaculty event. We are also planning a campus canines event and some advocacy events with alumni.

Governance Committee



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- The governance committee decided not to meet this week. We are moving forward on mandatory weekly meetings and assigning code in advance of meetings to be more efficient. We decided to make a subcommittee for the constitution. We lost our constitution some time ago, and it disappeared for some reason. We're trying to bring that back since some aspects of the code of procedures should be in a separate constitution.

Operations Committee

- Operations committee met in November to go through preliminary documents to onboard councillors. We went over strategies, booking policy, and had a discussion about accessibility for clubs and fees. We didn't pass anything, but in term 2 we will be going over the sustainability strategy so we can pass it to council.

Council Accountability and Performance Review Committee

- CAPR met for four and a half hours to go over the external and administration reviews. It takes a long time to be intentional and transparent. For this reason, we will stretch out the process to do a comprehensive and fair review.
- The committee recommended that clubs administrators be moved to the External portfolio in their own department. The committee felt that the role of the club admins is very different from the council team, and that putting them in the external portfolio would result in better communication with clubs. This is a recommendation passed by the committee and council, but not a change to code. We will be grinding.

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AUS Council accepts all reports other than those already accepted.

Moved: Joey Seconded: Kaysan


- Motion is in order

J) Old Business

K) New Business (max. 10 minutes each)

1. AUS Council Guide

Presenter: Kevin

 Governance Department 24/25 - A Message from the Department



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☰ Governance Department 24/25 - Council Members

☰ Governance Department 24/25 - Council Procedures

Motion: To table the AUS Council Guide Presentation until the next meeting of council.

Moved: Teagan Seconded: Pierce

- Motion passes

L) Supporting Documents

a. Senate Reports:

M) Next Meeting: January, 6:00pm at the Michael Kingsmill Forum

N) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at: 8:12 PM

Supporting Documents:

PRESENTATIONS

FORMS

- [AUS Council Feedback Form](#)
- [AUS Council Dietary Preferences Form](#)

RESOURCES

- [AUS Council Attendance Sheet](#)

