



# THE ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

## Arts Undergraduate Society Council Agenda

**Date and Time:** Day, Month Date at 6:00 pm (PST)

**Location:** Online (Google Meet)

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### A) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 pm (PST).

### B) Speaker's Business & Land Acknowledgement

### C) Adoption of the Agenda

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

- **Moved:** Pierce
- **Seconded:** Sarah

Motion is in order.

### D) Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Committees

10/03/25 AUS Council 24/25

12/03/25 AUS Council 24/25

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the meetings held on **March 10 and March 12, 2025** be accepted."

- **Moved:** Ananya
- **Seconded:** Sarah

Motion is in order.

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

✚ AUS Council Attendance 24/25

- Speaker of Council (Non-Voting) – **Jaromir Sulja**
- Clerk of Council (Non-Voting) – **Mireille Synaeghel**
- Arts Student Senator (Non-Voting) – **Jasper Lorien**
- Equity Commissioner (Non-Voting) – **Mehka Gnanendran**
- President – **Ryan Chiu**
- VP Academic – **Ananya Gupta**
- VP Administration – **Kaysan Adriyanto**
- VP Engagement – **Ester Tracy Silalahi**
- VP External – **Sarah Wong**
- VP Finance – **Khushi Nanda**
- VP Student Life – **Nargess Shokouhian**
- AMS Representative – **Eshana Bhangu**
- AMS Representative – **Sarah Wong**
- First Year Representative – **Alex Kim**
- First Year Representative – **Zahara Czar**
- Second Year Representative – **Jiya Binning**
- Third Year Representative – **Khushal Kanodia**
- Fourth Year Representative – **Joey Dolayba**
- AMNE Students' Association – **Tom Liu**
- Anthropology Students' Association – **Teagan Dale-Johnson**
- Art History Students' Association – **Lilly Lester**
- Cognitive Systems Society – **Stuti Sheth**
- English Students' Association – **Anika Islan**
- GRSJ Undergraduates' Association – **Anmool Nijjar**
- Geography Students' Association – **Pierce Florey**
- History Students' Association – **Ethan Lui**
- International Relations Students' Association – **Nuray Omirbek**
- Media Studies Students' Association – **Jodie Leung**
- Philosophy Students' Association – **N/A**
- Political Science Students' Association – **Jasleen Klair**
- Psychology Students' Association – **Aafreen Iqbal**
- Scandinavian and Nordic Students' Association – **Tyler Horman**
- Sociology Students' Association – **Emma Martin-Rousselle**
- Speech and Linguistics Students' Association – **Mandy Moniz**
- Visual Arts Students' Association – **Robin Lei**



## F) Presentation (max. 10 minutes each)

### 1. Philanthropy Grants

**Presenter:** Gwynnie, Emma, Simarleen

[Philanthropy Grants Presentation](#)

**Gwynnie:** I'm here to present the Philanthropy Grants! The process is the same as last term. We launched promotions for grants, released the nomination form for Arts students to nominate an NGO they'd like to receive grants from the AUS, and compiled their submissions into a presentation before Council about the nominated NGO. For the next steps, Councillors will vote and the \$500 grant will be sent to the nominated NGO that received the most votes from the Council. Arts students have an incentive to nominate; they're entered into a raffle for an Old Spaghetti giveaway. We have criteria for evaluation submissions, including general information, mission and goals, key projects, finances, and the Arts students' reason for nominations. The first of the three organizations nominated is Hers International, which focuses on educational scholarships for women in rural Nepal. Their grassroots charity has supported 120+ girls' education costs, including tuition, school resources, and bikes, and 50+ mothers' groups with microfinance loans to start businesses. *[For a breakdown of their mission, key projects, finances, and the reason why the Arts students' nominated the NGO, check the presentation]*

**Emma:** The second nominated organization is the Youth Excellence Society (YES), which is a Vancouver Island-based leadership program serving BC teens through overnight summer camps, school workshops, and online courses for over 45 years – providing a great experience for 15,000 students. *[For a breakdown of their mission, key projects, finances, and the reason why the Arts students' nominated the NGO, check the presentation]*

**Simarleen:** The third nominated organization is the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks, which is a youth-driven, peer-based provincial non-profit organization dedicated to improving youth lives ages 14-28 in care. They've hosted youth retreats, provided bursaries, published Power Pages Magazine written by and for the youth, and hosted Fed Connects where youth in and from care can attend workshops and network in a virtual space. *[For a breakdown of their mission, key projects, finances, and the reason why the Arts students' nominated the NGO, check the presentation]*

**Gwynnie:** The vote breakdown is as follows. Youth Excellence Society (YES) received 2 votes, Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks received 6 votes, Hers International received 8 votes, Abstain received 1 vote, and no votes for No Confidence. With that, Hers International has received the most votes from Councillors.

- **Youth Excellence Society (YES):** 2 votes
- **Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks:** 6 votes
- **Hers International:** 8 votes



- **Abstain:** 1 vote
- **No Confidence:** 0 votes

"BE IT RESOLVED that Hers International be awarded the AUS Philanthropy Grant for Term 2"

- **Moved:** Nargess
- **Seconded:** Teagan

Motion: To amend the agenda and do Year-End Progress Reports before the Governance Committee Updates & Amendments

- **Moved:** Kaysan
- **Seconded:** Zahara

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

## 2. Year-End Progress Reports

**Presenter:**

- **MSSA:**  **MSSA 2024-2025 Year End Progress Reports**
- **SNSA:**  **SNSA Year End/AGM**

**Jodie (MSSA):** Hi everyone! My name is Jodie, and I am the President and AUS representative of the Media Studies Student Association. MSSA is the departmental club for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Media Studies (BMS) program. Our goal is to provide guidance and connection within our student body through a diverse array of Media Studies-themed social and academic events open to students across all different programmes, not just in media studies.

We have a total of 9 exec members this year and we meet weekly to discuss our projects, events, and initiatives, and our AGM is happening on Wednesday where we will be electing new exec members. As for our member structure, our club is one that is open to all, and we don't take any membership fees! Our events are of course catered to the media studies programme, and anyone who is enrolled in the programme is automatically a member, but our events are mostly free and anyone can show up and attend. We currently have a little more than 180 members in the BMS programme. Outside this programme a large number of attendees are from the media studies coordinated arts programme.

Here are some of the events we've hosted this year that I'd like to highlight. The year started with BMS's 10th anniversary celebration, and yes we are still a relatively small and young programme, and this was in direct collaboration with the media studies program office. We also start every year with a Media Studies Mingle, which is then followed by our Halloween costume contest. We then had our final care package events which have been an MSSA



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tradition since 2022 and will happen once again at the end of this term. We had our first-ever collaboration with the AUS for Arts Week, hosting a media studies-centred networking event where we finally answered the age-old question of "What is media studies" and that became our most successful event of the year so far. And a few weeks ago we also had a karaoke night. One more event I wanted to highlight is our gala which is happening on April 7th! If you are interested in joining us and maybe even just meeting others in media studies even if you're not in BMS, tickets are now out on bounce and you can find the link on our Instagram!

We have successfully applied for the AUS's club grants in term 1, and have hosted an event for the AUS's arts week. However this year we continued to face several issues with booking the ASC for our events. My VP events specifically wanted me to highlight how his emails were ignored and then the bookings were rejected based on other scheduling, though we always put in our bookings in line with the provided building schedule, and the slots end up getting booked up before the Bookings Administrator can respond to us. They have also sent us the wrong schedule for half the year, the one from last academic year, and we also had the same issues with advanced bookings made at the beginning of the term. We also received an email rejecting a rescheduling of our bookings as we were booked in for a public holiday in one instance, though the response tells us that they are no longer taking bookings except for aus AUS-affiliated clubs despite us being an AUS-affiliated club, we do hope this won't be the case for the next year! That's all I have today. Thank you!

**Ashleigh (SNSA):** Hi, I'm representing SNSA and speaking on behalf of Tyler, who put this presentation together!

SNSA hosted successful new initiatives, including Board Game Nights, Language Cafe with Nordic Studies, baking collaborations with UBC Baking, a new Mystery Year-End Event, and updated bylaws (changing 2 position names and responsibilities; VP Events to VP Academic; VP Community Coordinator to VP Social). In Term 1, we hosted 10 social events, including Lucia, and 3 academic events. In Term 2, we hosted 5 academic votes and 14 social events, including recurring ones.

Next year, we hope to collaborate with UVic professors (on a Viking-centred event!), host more language events, modify executive roles to focus on academic and social components to have bigger and better events, and return Sámi Day and the Scanner! We've achieved a lot of things; we had the biggest Lucia yet with 20 participants and 150+ attendees, we created stickers of our logo, we had our largest membership yet (51 members), most events ever (25 events, 23 fikas, 19 Lucia rehearsals), and kept up monthly media recommendations.

We want to highlight a few things about our relationship with the AUS. The first is on grants, since we don't get department funding, we rely on the AUS for finances. While we're able to



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get funding for both terms, we'd like to ensure that we can consistently receive grants next year. We've also had issues with how grants look like next year and how department structure ties into that. The second is on listening sessions. We like the session we had with Ryan earlier in January as we're able to air out our concerns. The third is that we're not sure the AUS knows much about our department or our club. We hope to see more AUS presence in our events and more connection with our club next year. The last is on how the Program Representative system will work and how they will interact with our club. *[For more information, including the budget and list of Executives, check the presentation]*

"BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation be passed as presented."

- **Moved:** Kaysan
- **Seconded:** Jodie

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

### 3. Governance Committee Updates & Amendments

**Presenter:** Ethan

☰ Copy of Code Review for AUS Councillors (GovCom 24/25)

☰ Recorded Amendments + Commentary started on March 18th 2025, written by ...

**Ethan:** Here's an overview of the changes proposed by the AUS Governance Committee. There's a lot of work we had and needed to do with our Code. We'll have to pass these changes as an "omnibus" amendment as we need to urgently overhaul our Code and consequently improve AUS operations and governance procedures. As someone who has been involved over the past 3 years, previously as Clerk and Speaker of Council, I'm aware of the structural issues that the AUS still needs to address.

The first point I'd like to highlight is changing the Club Representation structure. We'd like to change it to Departmental Representation instead. There will be Councillors elected from Interdisciplinary Major, as long as their membership is equal to or greater than 1% of the total Arts undergraduate student body. From my experience as a Club Representative, the AUS's relationship with us is primarily contractual – we'll attend Council in exchange for grants. I believe there's something fundamentally wrong with that, a concern shared with members of the Governance Committee. There's also so much variation in experience between Club Representatives; some of us aren't aware of what's happening in the AUS. There's also been an issue with accountability and representation, as the Club Representative position isn't standardized.

I understand that there's a concern about Club Representatives not being able to talk to the AUS anymore with the removal of this system. However, we're rectifying this by creating a Clubs Caucus Committee, which can coordinate with Clubs directly on clubs-facing issues



specifically (on issues like event bookings, inventory requests, grants consultations, giving recommendations to AUS Council), as chaired by the VP External, who next year will be in charge of the AUS's relationship with AUS Clubs. The Clubs Caucus Committee will be the forum where clubs can air their concerns. Council will also be amended to include a dedicated time where clubs can speak their concerns at the beginning of each session. The Finance Committee has also been mandated to send out grants within a dedicated period. Lastly, we've also structured regular meetings between AUS Clubs and the AUS VP External, who will build relationships with AUS Clubs. We hope that future policies will reflect that and include the frequency of meetings mandated, building off of Clubs' concerns about having more listening sessions.

**Teagan:** We're concerned about the relationship between the proposed Departmental Representatives and our student associations, which wasn't addressed in your presentation. How will you guarantee that they will answer to us and connect with our club?

**Ethan:** The Program Representative will not be responsible for liaising with clubs on AUS matters. That will be the VP External's responsibility. In some cases, the program and departments won't match, like SNSA. Like other existing clubs, the SNSA will maintain their club status, but its program will be represented by CENES. There are a lot of differences between clubs' capacities, so we want to have dedicated representatives who are committed to holding the AUS accountable as part of their position.

**Teagan:** Thank you for that. I'm currently trying to speak on behalf of all members of the ASA, who have differing views on this change. I appreciate the explanation.

**Ethan:** Of course. I don't believe there's a fundamentally negative impact on AUS Clubs with these changes. There is more structural support for clubs than in previous iterations of Code.

**Jasper:** In Council, there's not a lot of room for clubs to address their issues directly, whereas the Clubs Caucus Committee is a dedicated space just for that. On the mandate of the Club Representatives, while a good idea, not all departments are represented by clubs. Not every student has access to a club that can support them, but they should still have departmental representation to hold the AUS accountable. We're also working on streamlining the grant process, which is currently still being fleshed out in the Governance Committee. With the new club support mandate, CAPR can also hold Executives next year accountable for not following their obligations to support clubs.

**Ashleigh:** If these new Code changes were to pass, would you be able to email all the clubs in terms of logistics – what will be our new responsibilities, are there any deadlines we need to be aware of, and are there any next steps we need to take?

**Ethan:** Yes, we will. We have a transition report coming out to outline what's happening. This report will be forwarded to all the clubs next year. The incoming President and VP External will be in charge of making sure all clubs are supported throughout and after that initial transition period.



**Kevin (Proxy):** Who can be elected to become Program Representatives and how will the election be run? I understand that the elections will be in the Fall Election period to ensure people can declare their majors beforehand, but this might limit the participation of first-years and second-years who haven't declared their majors.

**Jasper:** Voting will be conducted through AMS SimplyVoting, with Workday being used as a tool to check people's majors. A lot of programs in the Faculty of Arts are now allowing students to declare their major at the end of first year. This should be less of a problem over time. However, we do recognize it's an issue right now and in the near future. Structurally though, the Departmental Representatives' main mandate is to hold the AUS accountable, so ideally, candidates would be students who have been around for at least a year to understand AUS operations and how the AUS interacts with students.

**Ashleigh:** On the club side of things, these changes are amazing. On the department side of things, these changes are slightly concerning. We only have 6 students majoring in MEST (Modern European Studies), including myself. There's also a German Studies Major, but no overarching CENES Major. With this logic, Nordic minors who are otherwise involved in CENES can't run to become a Program Representative. How will that work next year?

**Ethan:** Unfortunately, there's a lot of decentralization in the Faculty of Arts in terms of how programs are structured. However, we will try to do a case-by-case basis on amending issues on representation.

**Ashleigh:** No worries, I understand. CENES is unique in its structure, and I just wanted to raise this issue.

**Jasper:** This will not be affected directly by the Code change. The way this gets solved is for the AMS to ensure the right qualifications through Workday are there to ensure people are eligible to run for the position and can vote in the race.

**Ethan:** Moving on, AUS Code currently does not outline the responsibilities of a Club Representative, which is why we're also trying to transition to this system. We're removing the proxy system which isn't practiced by other governing bodies. The proxy system has made Council less effective and less accountable. Under the current system, people can miss an entire term of Council. This is a bad governance practice. We're trying to change this to an Excused Absence system where Councillors will not get penalized for missing Council (like if they're sick or have extenuating circumstances). We're also removing sections in Code regarding AMS Representatives and the Arts Student Senator, as the two positions are governed by other bylaws and can't be mandated by AUS Code.

**Lilly:** Does this mean Art History and Visual Arts students will have the same representative? Additionally, we have a lot of Art History minors so it would be great to have them be able to run as well! The Art History program often has a mix of majors that are passionate about the program, just not majors.

**Ethan:** Unfortunately, yes. However, your clubs will still be separately represented in the Clubs Caucus Committee and retain the same rights as you did last year, including eligibility



for grants. Through the dedicated Clubs Caucus Committee space, both AHSA and VSA can get direct support from the AUS.

**Lilly:** That makes sense! Our programs are super interconnected, so it's not a big concern. What's more important and will be up to the representative is to liaise with both groups equally. For the election posting, this should be emphasized to prospective candidates.

**Tom:** In the unlikely scenario that no one nominates themselves to become Departmental Representatives in the Fall election, would it mean that their respective department would not be represented on the AUS Council for that specific year? If so, how would the AUS plan to address those departments' students' interests or concerns?

**Ethan:** Any vacancies will be resolved through an In-Council Appointment. As we've done in the past when there are vacancies that arise from a lack of candidates, resignations, etc., In-Council Appointments should address this and ensure that all departments receive equal representation on AUS Council.

**Jasper:** I wanted to add that I've spoken with members of the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) regarding their program representation system. Part of why we're making this change is that Program Representatives can advocate directly to their Departments (including their Department Chairs), not necessarily change how clubs interact with the AUS.

**Ethan:** Moving on, we're changing the structure of AUS Council. We're clearly defining presentations and reports, the latter to be sent in advance as written documents. We're also standardizing Student-at-Large and Club statements at the beginning of each Council session as I've mentioned before. We're overhauling the structure of the AUS Executives as well. We've clarified and reaffirmed their term of office from May 1 to April 30 of next year, their responsibilities, including mandating that each executive create a list of programming for the year ahead, and their accountability to AUS Council. On the President, we've mandated that they will need to meet with MUSA and VSEUS. On the Vice President Academic, we've mandated that they will need to meet with the AMS VP Academic and University Affairs and the Arts Student Senator, the latter on a monthly basis. The AUS Vice President Academic will be responsible for advocacy as well, which was not previously mandated in Code.

**Jasper:** We want as much representation as possible for the AUS Vice President Academic in governing bodies to offload responsibilities from the Arts Student Senator and to ensure the AUS Vice President Academic can truly advocate on behalf of students and be held accountable for their work.

**Ethan:** The AUS Vice President Academic will be responsible for building relationships with the Faculty of Arts and Compass. As a side note, departments in the AUS have also not been codified in AUS Code, which poses a long-term organizational issue. I acknowledge in my transition report that there will be a significant transition period between the outgoing and incoming teams. With that, we want to mandate that the Academic Development Department can provide academic resources for students. The Upper Year Representatives will also be under the responsibility of the AUS Vice President Academic.



**Kevin (Proxy):** I wanted to clarify if the Vice President Academic will be reprimanded for not being able to meet with the Arts Student Senator every month, in the case that the Arts Student Senator is the one unable to meet. Would the Vice President Academic be reprimanded in that case? Also, should the mandate not fall on the Arts Student Senator to ensure that they meet with the Vice President Academic every month?

**Jasper:** As Ethan mentioned, both the University Act and AMS Bylaws do not allow the Arts Student Senator to be mandated to do what subsidiaries like the AUS want. The goal of the change is to make the responsibility to initiate the meeting on the AUS Vice President Academic's end.

**Ethan:** If the Vice President Academic can't meet with the Arts Student Senator because the latter is unable to meet, it will not constitute contempt of Council or a violation of their mandate.

**Kevin (Proxy):** I just want to ensure that in the long run, people do not reprimand the Vice President Academic for failing to meet with the Arts Student Senator in cases where the Arts Student Senator cannot meet, preventing this monthly requirement on the Vice President Academic's end to be fulfilled. Just as it's read right now on the presentation, it seems that the AUS Vice President Academic can be reprimanded for not meeting every month because of this.

**Ethan:** We can potentially amend the wording slightly with terms like "shall attempt to meet", though I'm unsure if there is precedence for this kind of change.

**Jasper:** The Governance Committee has met to try to soften the language. The way AUS Code gets enforced is by the President and by CAPR. If the Society is running well, we should know that the Vice President Academic has attempted to meet with the Arts Student Senator through Council updates and reports, which through these avenues they're able to explain the circumstances. We didn't soften the language to ensure that the Vice President Academic would initiate the meeting instead of interpreting the mandate as just a suggestion.

**Ethan:** I will hold off on the amendment right now. I hope the future Governance Committee Chair will read my report. Moving on, for the Vice President Administration, we're separating the Food Hub Department from the Sustainability Department to ensure both departments can focus specifically on their mandates. On the Vice President Engagement, their mandate will also include the production of the AUS brand guide, and social media publicity materials for the Society's operations. On the Vice President External, they're now mandated to oversee the External Relations Department to liaise with AUS Clubs and other extra-societal organizations and to build relationships with AUS-affiliated Clubs. In the AUS Vice President Finance, we've added more specific mandates for each department, including the Grants Department to timely send out grants, and finally codified the Workshops Department. Lastly, on the AUS Vice President Student Life, they're now tasked with overseeing and coordinating flagship events, the After Hours Department for nightlife events, the Health and Wellness Department, and the Spirit Department, which includes kickstART and Arts Week



programming. The Health and Wellness Department has been moved from the Academic Portfolio to the Student Life Portfolio.

**Jasper:** The changes in the AUS Student Life Portfolio and the moving of the Health and Wellness Department are to align the team with the changes made on the AMS level. The referendum passed in this year's election created the position of an AMS Vice President Student Life, which is among other things also in charge of AMS mental health initiatives. As such, the AUS Student Life Portfolio has been structured to align with this.

**Ethan:** AUS Code is very lengthy. We're changing the first 5 chapters as these are the most fundamental to the AUS's structure and operations. While the remaining chapters aren't as concrete, our work in the Governance Committee will still continue, with a much more peripheral focus rather than the "line-by-line" focus that we used for these deliberations.

**Teagan:** I appreciate the explanation provided! Would you be able to help with explaining this to members of my club?

**Jodie:** I too would like to discuss this with my club, especially members who are actually staying on for the coming year.

**Ethan:** Of course! Feel free to email me.

"Be it resolved that the presentation is extended by 10 minutes."

- **Moved:** Ethan
- **Seconded:** Kaysan

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

"Be it resolved that the presentation is extended by 5 minutes."

- **Moved:** Ethan
- **Seconded:** Kaysan

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

"BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation be passed as presented."

- **Moved:** Kaysan
- **Seconded:** Nargess

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

## G) Executive Reports (max. 5 minutes each)

### 1. President – Ryan Chiu

### 2. VP Academic – Ananya Gupta

- **Health and Wellness:** We're working on Care Packages for Exam Season for next week! Ethan has been a massive help on this project.



- **Pro-AD:** Wine Down is happening on Friday! We're trying to book the Gallery but the event should be on track.

### 3. VP Administration – Kaysan Adriyanto

- **Operations:** Site inspections have been going on as usual. We're working on booking policy changes (non-AUS clubs charged rental rates similar to EUS or SUS). We hope to prioritize AUS club bookings by looking into having an internal and external bookings form, the former to be made available for AUS and AUS club bookings and checked more frequently. We want the Arts Student Centre to focus on being an Arts student venue, not an events venue.
- **Governance:** Club Admins sent out a short email about Club Awards, which we released the metrics. The Presidential Portfolio is planning the event where we'll distribute the awards. A reminder to be sure to submit Year-End and Midterm Evaluation reports!
- **Sustainability:** We collaborated with Feed Forward and Common Energy to host a Salad Meal Prep Workshop event with 30 attendees. We're planning events for next month (sandwich giveaway).

**Jasper:** What are your opinions on painting the ASC purple?

**Kaysan:** I would love that. I floated the idea to Nick, he said we potentially could if we have the budget.

### 4. VP Engagement – Ester Tracy Silalahi

- **Marketing:** We've worked on posts for ACF and TGAS!
- **Merchandise:** We're working on internal merch orders for the AUS.

### 5. VP External – Sarah Wong

- **Philanthropy:** We're collaborating with the Men's Mental Health Club for an event
- **Sponsorships:** We're working to expand Purple Card sponsorships. We have a new sponsor – Flight Hub Canada! We completed 20+ internal requests amounting to \$18.7K!

### 6. VP Finance – Khushi Nanda

- **Grants:** Email me if you haven't received grants yet! It should be out already for clubs.
- **Workshops:**

### 7. VP Student Life – Nargess Shokouhian



- **UYC:** TGAS is happening on Friday, March 28! We're sending out an AUS-only tier with discounts. We're
- **General Events:** We no longer have events coming up!

## 8. Equity Commissioner – Mehka Gnanendran

- We had the largest BIPOC Community Market with 30+ vendors!
- We collaborated with the SASC on an Anti-Oppression Workshop!
- We had an E&I Strategy Feedback workshop on March 17, where we gained a lot of insightful suggestions from stakeholders
- We're releasing social media collaborations (interviews and campaigns) soon

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

- **Moved:** Nargess
- **Seconded:** Anika

Motion is in order.

## H) Departmental Club Reports (max. 5 mins)

☰ 24/03/25 Club Reports

**Ethan:** There's an HSA-organized free event with pizza and pasta entrees at a cafe in Chinatown! Check our page for more information.

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- **Moved:** Kevin (Ananya Proxy)
- **Seconded:** Nargess

Motion is in order.

## I) Senate and Year Representative Reports (max. 2 mins)

### 1. Arts Student Senator – Jasper Lorient

- Motion on Institutional Neutrality has been tabled indefinitely and will not go to the Senate
- We changed the way Academic Regulations worked around graduation
- We had substantive discussions on the Budget. Most of the deliberations are in-camera, but I'd say it's generally going on a positive note
- Elections for the UBC Senate did happen earlier this month, but due to potential conflicts in interpretations between two documents, 8 Senate seats



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are in "limbo". I'm currently serving as the Interim Arts Student Senator until this situation is resolved

- Exam Policies are being reviewed by a Working Group, which I'm a Vice Chair of. If you have specific issues pertaining to your departmental clubs, please talk to me!
- I'm working with the Dean to compile a transition plan for student advocacy next year to ensure that the AUS VP Academic can be

"Be it resolved that the presentation is extended by 2 minutes."

- **Moved:** Ethan
- **Seconded:** Kaysan

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

**2. First Year Representatives – Zahara Czar and Alex Kim**

- We're doing a Puppy Engagement event on Wednesday! Come by the ASC.
- We're hosting a Pit Night with other faculties on April 3. We've sold out tickets!

**3. Second Year Representative – Jiya Binning**

- N/A

**4. Third Year Representative – Khushal Kanodia**

- N/A

**5. Fourth Year Representative – Joey Dolayba**

- N/A

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

- **Moved:** Nargess
- **Seconded:** Sarah

Motion is in order.

**J) Committee Reports (max. 5 minutes each)**

**1. Arts Caucus Committee**

- We met and identified key priorities, including our Year-End Survey to be sent out to Arts students and other advocacy targets

**2. Council Accountability and Performance Review Committee**



- We weren't able to meet last week. Another When2Meet has been sent out, so please fill it out if you're a member of the Committee!

### **3. Executive Committee**

- Executives unanimously endorsed the Student Strikes for Palestine, which is why in-person programming has been moved online
- The Arts County Fair is happening on Friday, March 28! Come by Buchanan for games and food.

### **4. Finance Committee**

- No new updates!

### **5. First Year Committee**

- No new updates!

### **6. Governance Committee**

- No new updates!

### **7. Operations Committee**

- We've tried to meet twice but failed to reach quorum. Instead, we will try to call for an e-vote and have deliberations online before April 7's Council.

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

- **Moved:**
- **Seconded:**

Motion is in order.

## **K) Old Business**

## **L) New Business (max. 10 minutes each)**

## **M) Next Meeting**

Our next Council meeting will be held April 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm (PST) at the Arts Student Centre, 1st Floor.



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## N) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at: X:XX pm (PST).

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## Supporting Documents

### Presentations

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### Forms

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

### Resources

- [\*AUS Council Attendance Sheet\*](#)

