



THE ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

Arts Undergraduate Society Council Agenda

Date and Time: Monday, January 27th at 6PM PT

Location: ASC 1st Floor

A) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 6:06 PM

B) Speaker's Business & Land Acknowledgement

Ryan: I will be chairing the meeting today since Kevin is a candidate for VP Student Life.

Ryan: We have 2 appointments for VP positions, if it occurs after our September by-election then these roles are appointed by Council. The candidates will come in to give a 60-second speech. All candidates have shown interest through an online interest form that is open to everyone, and advertised to student membership. This time, we will use a ranked-choice ballot to ensure we have a majority. During each section of the appointment, Council will be allowed to ask 2 questions of each candidate. We can suspend this if we want, but that's how it is by precedent or code. After all the candidates speak, we can move in-camera to discuss the candidates. This is an option if anyone wants to speak freely without their name on the record. After that, we will move on to the next position.

Motion: to amend the agenda to add discussion of VP AUA endorsement

Moved: Kaysan Seconded: Abhi

= Motion Is in order

Kaysan: This is something worth considering by Council, I want to hear everyone's thoughts.

Motion to go in camera

Moved: Emma Seconded: Sarah Thirded: Eshana

- Motion is in order

C) Adoption of the Agenda

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

Moved: Sarah Seconded: Pierce

- Motion is in order.

D) Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Committees

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on **December 4, 2024** be accepted."

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Moved: Kaysan Seconded: Zahara

- Motion is in order.

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

President - Ryan
VP Academic - Ananya
VP Administration - Kaysan
VP Engagement - Ester
VP External - Sarah
VP Finance - VACANT
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 - Lilly
Cognitive Systems Rep - Stuti
English Rep - Anika
GRSJ Rep - Anmool
Geography Rep - Pierce
History Rep - Ethan
IRSA Rep - Nuray
MSSA Rep - Jodie
Philosophy Rep -
Psychology Rep -
PSSA Rep - Jasleen
SNSA Rep - Tyler
Sociology Rep - Emma
SALSA Rep - Mandy
Visual Arts Rep - Robin

Student-at-large Statement By Zarifa, AMS VP AUA Candidate

F) Presentation (max. 10 minutes each)

1. Vice President Finance Appointment

Presenter: Ryan

Positions for appointment:

VP Finance of the AUS

Nominations:

- Khushi
- Suhani

Each nominee shall present a max. 60-second speech explaining why they would like to serve as Vice-President Finance. Each nominee will be asked a maximum of two questions from AUS Council.



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Naeem (SNSA Proxy): What are your policies on club grants? Are you continuing or changing the process?

Suhani: We introduced a new grant this semester, if you're going to a seminar outside of Vancouver there is a grant.

Khushi: The AUS Assist will bond us with clubs more smoothly and comprehensively, providing volunteer support as well as money.

Lawrence: How would you better establish a relationship with the AMS VP Finance?

Suhani: This relationship is very important not just for the AUS, but also as an International student I understand the importance of reimbursements. I want to streamline this process with the reimbursement team and make sure there aren't bouncebacks and are clear timelines.

Khushi: I was the reimbursements director last year, I want to make them more transparent and make sure I have follow-up meetings with AMS VP Finance. I want to make sure that everything goes smoothly even as the AMS changes VP Finance.

Motion to move in Camera

Motion: Ryan

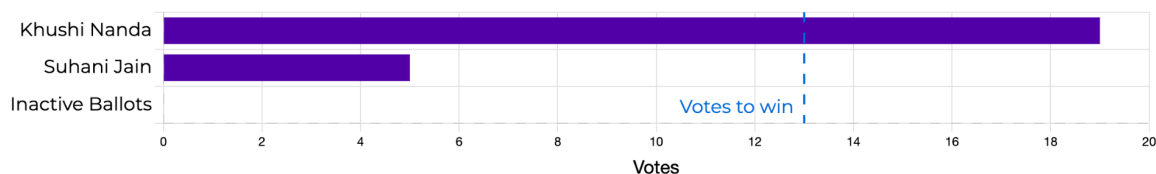
Seconded: Eshana

Thirdded: Emma

- Motion is in order.

Results:

- Khushi Nanda



Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the AUS Council appoints Khushi Nanda to be Vice-President Finance, effective tomorrow until the end of April 2025.

Moved: Eshana

Seconded: Lawrence (Proxy)

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

2. Vice President Student Life Appointment

Presenter: Kaysan Adriyanto

Positions for appointment:



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VP Student Life of the AUS

Nominations:

- Nargess Shokouhian
- Kamila Maral
- Kevin Nicklin
- Sultana Razia

Each nominee shall present a max. 60-second speech explaining why they would like to serve as Vice-President Student Life. Each nominee will be asked a maximum of two questions from AUS Council.

Jiya: I heard you talk about AUS experience, but what is your experience out of it? We need contacts for venues, working with other clubs.

Nargess: Tennis club, weekly events, cityfest festival director (youth festival 50,000 people).

Kamila: Currently a representative at Dance Horizons. Host big events, could collab with AUS.

Kevin: I was an events director, and also speaker of council. I am a professional development director for PSSA, can bring club experience. Also a brand representative for the Calendar, a competitive position. Host large-scale events like the Halloween party. It's important to partner with campus. Need someone with event planning experience, I believe I provide that.

Sarah: How would you ensure that the last 3 months remain productive given that you join a team with 3 months left?

Kamila: Follow up, catch up as much as I can, talk to people

Kevin: I recognize that I'm not part of the Student Life portfolio, I've connected with people throughout the portfolio. Not just about 1 department, about all 3. I recognize that whoever council elects is making sure that events that are promised happen. I'm not in it this year, but I hope to be a leader to make sure we lead each of our departments as a whole. Also spoke to Lilly about what needs to be improved.

Zahara: Do you have any specific plans for supporting the FYC

Kevin: I was on FYC, and will use that experience to serve you. Need to run large-scale events, and needs to know the importance of advocating and working for 1st years. Helped facilitate an advocacy policy. I have the experience to help this year and next year's team.

Kamila: I can bring valuable experience from other universities and integrate that knowledge to be a VP student life.

Nargess: Would work to make sure events aren't exclusive to first years, not exclusively for upper year. Make sure we have the right marketing plan to make sure it goes out to everyone.



Jiya: Since there's only three months left, we already have everything planned. What in particular do you hope to do if elected?

Kamila: All the events are already planned, so I can bring more of a welcoming, organization, and joy.

Nargess: Iron out logistics. Make sure UYC events are executed smoothly. Would help with general events to make sure departments can work with each other, and make sure Arts county fair and TGAS are memorable this year.

Kevin: Not changing the AUS, helping us move along into next year. I want to make Student Life internally better. Only 5 members came on retreat, I want to make sure everyone is connected

Lawrence Proxy: How would you ensure getting sponsorship and staying within budget.

Kevin: Would work with VP externals and finance for sponsorships. We are sitting on thousands of dollars to spend this term or next.

Kamila: We could collaborate more with the AMS. We can do a lot by networking with other student organizations.

Nargess: I would also work with external. Make sure they're ahead of the curve to make sure they can maximize the chances of getting a sponsorship.

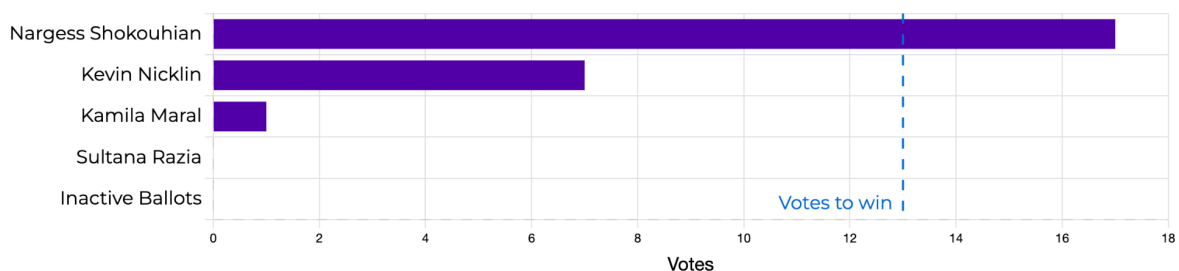
Motion for AUS Council to go in camera

Moved: Ryan Seconded: Lawrence (proxy) Third: Lilly

- Motion is in order

Results:

- Nargess Shokouhian



Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the AUS Council appoints Nargess to be Vice-President Student Life, effective tomorrow until the end of April 2025.



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Moved: Lilly Seconded: Emma

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

3. AUS Council Guide

Presenter: Kaysan

= Governance Department 24/25 - A Message from the Department

= Governance Department 24/25 - Council Members

= Governance Department 24/25 - Council Procedures

Motion to amend the Agenda to remove sections G), H), I) from the Agenda, and adjourn at 8pm.

Moved: Jiya Seconded: Pierce

- Motion is in order

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

~~President~~



~~VP Academic~~



~~VP Administration~~



~~VP Engagement~~



~~VP External~~



~~VP Finance~~



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~~VP Student Life~~



~~Equity Commissioner~~



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

~~Moved: Secended:~~

~~Motion is in order~~

~~**H) Departmental Club Reports (max. 5 minutes)**~~

~~ 27/01/25 Club Reports~~

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

~~Moved: Secended:~~

~~Motion is in order~~

~~**I) Committee Reports (max. 5 minutes each)**~~

~~Arts Caucus Committee~~



~~Executive Committee~~



~~Finance Committee~~



~~First Year Committee~~



Governance Committee



Operations Committee



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

———— ~~Moved:~~ ———— ~~Seconded:~~

———— ~~Motion is in order~~

J) Old Business

Ryan: It is important to make an endorsement, but we don't have the time or resources to decide. Informal vibe check should we endorse yes/no. Half and half.

Ethan: On the argument that it establishes us as a society, I don't think that's the greatest *raison d'être* for having an endorsement. I worked on arts week, and students don't think of us as the most significant force. I don't know if it helps, could make us look like a political elite. Should focus elsewhere. I would advise not to do this because I don't think it's appropriate for us as a society. I would advise everyone not to vote for this.

Pierce: I agree with Ethan. Because we have only 4 days, we should take the time to do things properly. I owe a duty to consult my departmental club. I don't feel too swayed, but given the short notice and my inability to consult, I have to vote no.

Ryan: You can also abstain.

Eshana: That's helpful to hear. Everyone heard my position. I was going to ask if more people could speak up and provide their perspectives.

Ryan: I feel like what I've been working on is that we should be engaging more people in elections. Endorsements is a way to do that, another way is by letting people know about the election. We have a job to get our students to vote. It's a powerful tool that we have pull with the executives. The faculty of arts isn't being prioritized. Yes we can work in our faculty, but there is a lot that can be top-down with university executives. I agree that the political elite vibe could arise with an endorsement, and that is a risk we would be taking. Do we want to have that pull, is that something AMS reps can do even without an endorsement? If the candidate we don't endorse wins, we still have to work with them. Could have a negative effect. I would suggest an email vote or leaving this with the executive. I don't think the exec



should have the power to endorse. If we do go forward with an endorsement we can do emails.

Ethan: Myself and the members of my club executive don't really understand this political engineering. It's hard for us to make a decision with so little information. Strange to make such decisive and influential decisions right now. It feels weird to speak on behalf of our entire constituency. I don't see evidence that endorsements are the best way to engage students with elections. Why are we here to endorse? Seems inappropriate for me.

Jasper: I think that I agree with Ryan, the exec should not decide on this. I still think as a general principle, endorsements are important for the AUS to do. Constituencies that have gotten big changes passed tend to endorse. These elections have a big effect, and endorsements are a major part of that. It's a larger principle we should consider.

Eshana: Not the best way to decide ad hoc. We should talk about this before the election. Many students don't know the impact the AUS and AMS have on their lives. This should be on a future agenda before elections come up. Deciding on behalf of students is what we do as a council. Want a discussion before candidates are announced.

K) New Business (max. 10 minutes each)

L) Supporting Documents

a. Senate Reports:

M) Next Meeting: February 10th, 6:00pm at the ASC

N) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at: 8:02 PM

Supporting Documents:

PRESENTATIONS

FORMS

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

RESOURCES

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



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