



THE ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

Arts Undergraduate Society Council Minutes

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 30th at 7:00 pm (PST)

Location: Zoom Meeting

Link: [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 2519698853

Passcode: AUS2023

A) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 7:04 PM (PST).

B) Speaker's Business & Land Acknowledgement

Jaromir: May turn off camera/mute for a moment because of sickness. Thank you Club Representatives for joining us since we have not brought on program representatives yet. You can speak throughout council, beyond the allotted club rep statement times. Today is Council Appointments, if there are tech issues please bear with us

C) Adoption of the Agenda

Jasper: I have a clarification question, the exec goals are under supporting documents and I believe council referred it to a future meeting for approval, what was the intent?

Jaromir: The motion was to move it to a future meeting not necessarily this meeting, we can move to vote on them today as well.

Sarah: Exec goals will not be voted on at this meeting but we can allocate time for Maral to present VP Academic exec goals for approval. I will put forward an amendment.

Motion to amend the agenda "to move Maral's Executive goals to the presentation section"

- **Moved:** Sarah
- **Seconded:** Jasper


Motion passes

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

- **Moved:** Akuol
- **Seconded:** Sarah

Motion passes.

D) Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Committees

 29/06/25 AUS Council 25/26

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on **June 29, 2025** be accepted."

- **Moved:** Sarah
- **Seconded:** Jasper

Motion is in order.

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

 AUS Council Attendance 25/26

- Speaker of Council (Non-Voting) – **Jaromir Sulja**
- Clerk of Council (Non-Voting) – **Simi Sahota**
- Arts Student Senator – **Jasper Lorien**
- Equity Commissioner – **VACANT**
- President – **Sarah Wong**
- VP Academic – **Maral Tabarmanaf**
- VP Administration – **Adrienne Tang**
- VP Engagement – **Vanessa Zhang**
- VP External – **Cindy Zhang**
- VP Finance – **Khushi Nanda**
- VP Student Life – **Akuol Riak**
- AMS Representative – **Ananya Gupta**
- AMS Representative – **Alex Kim**
- First Year Representative – **VACANT**
- First Year Representative – **VACANT**
- Second Year Representative – **Charles Macsabejon**
- Third Year Representative – **Melissa Hartnett**
- Fourth Year Representative – **VACANT**
- Program Representatives – **VACANT**



Clubs and Students-at-large: Tyler Horman (SNSA) Naruhito Kruschen (ANTHSA) Linus Luo (PHILSA) Kade Schneider (CSS) Kate Matlina (SSA) Harris Tirmizi (IRSA)

F) Statements from Students-at-large (up to 3 statements of max. 3 minutes, and a 3 minute response)

G) Statements from (1) AUS Club Representatives (max. 3 minutes, and 3 minutes to respond)

H) Presentation

Committee Appointments

Presenter: Jaromir Sulja, Speaker of Council

1. Arts Caucus Committee

Responsible for coordinating and advising on the advocacy efforts of elected representatives of the Arts Undergraduate Society to the AMS, Faculty of Arts, Senate, and other external bodies, as well as providing advice on surveys being conducted by the Arts Undergraduate Society.

Positions for appointment:

- Two (2) non-Executive Council members;
- One (1) Student-At-Large

Nominations:

- No nominations

Each nominee shall present a max. 90-second speech explaining why they would like to sit on the Arts Caucus Committee. Each nominee will be asked a maximum of two questions from AUS Council. Voting AUS Council members will then vote the appointments

2. AUS Finance Committee Appointments

Responsible for the financial accounts and daily transactions of the AUS, issuing reimbursements for all expenditures under the Annual Budget, overseeing club grant processes, and maintaining our overall fiscal health.

Positions for appointment:



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Three (3) Councillors, of which no more than one (1) may be a member of the Executive Committee
One (1) Student-At-Large

Nominations:

Councillors

- Cindy Zhang
- Maral Tabarmanaf
- Akuol Riak
- Jasper Lorien

Student-At-Large

- No Nominations

Each nominee shall present a max. 90-second speech explaining why they would like to sit on the Finance Committee. Each nominee will be asked a maximum of two questions from AUS Council. Voting AUS Council members will then vote the appointments

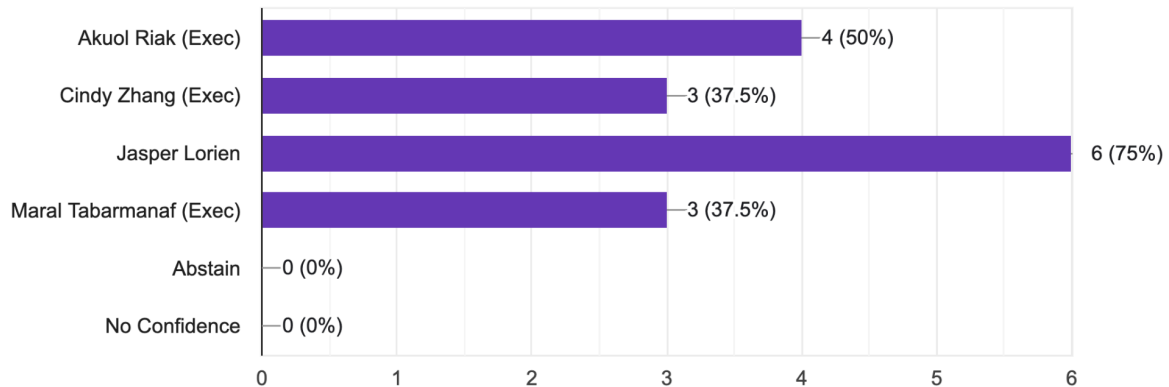
Results:

- AUS Councillors
 - Jasper Lorien
 - Akuol Riak
- Student-At-Large
 - No Nominations



Please select up to 3 Councillor(s) to be appointed to the Finance Committee. Selecting more than 3 option(s) will result in this ballot being voided.

8 responses



"BE IT RESOLVED that the AUS Council appoints **Jasper and Akuol** to the Finance Committee, effective immediately until the **next committee appointments in October**."

- **Moved:** Sarah
- **Seconded:** Maral

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

3. AUS Governance Committee Appointments

responsible for managing all matters pertaining to the internal governance of the AUS by reviewing and amending the AUS Code of Procedures as well as addressing governance-related requests from AUS Council and the students.

Positions for appointment:

Four (4) AUS Councillors, of which no more than two (2) may be a member of the Executive Portfolio
One (1) Student-At-Large

Nominations:

Councillors

- Alex Kim
- Maral Tabarmanaf
- Khushi Nanda

Student-At-Large

- No Nominations



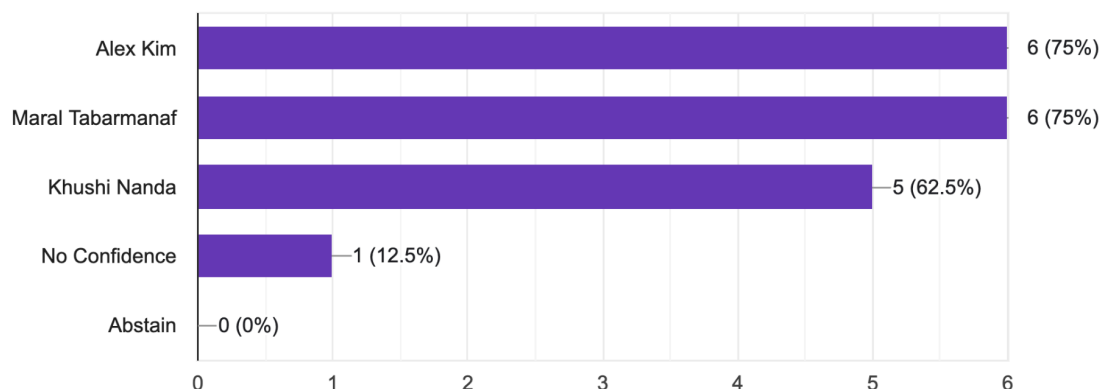
Each nominee shall present a max. 90-second speech explaining why they would like to sit on the Governance Committee. Each nominee will be asked a maximum of two questions from AUS Council. Voting AUS Council members will then vote the appointments

Results:

- AUS Councillors
 - Alex Kim
 - Maral Tabarmanaf
 - Khushi Nanda
- Student-At-Large
 - No Nominations

Please select up to 4 Councillor(s) to be appointed to the Governance Committee. Selecting more than 4 option(s) will result in this ballot being voided.

8 responses



"BE IT RESOLVED that the AUS Council appoints **Alex, Maral, and Khushi** to the Governance Committee, effective immediately until **the next committee appointments in October.**"

- **Moved:** Cindy
- **Seconded:** Sarah

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

4. Operations Committee Appointments

Responsible for directing the management of the Arts Student Centre building and all other facilities operated by the Society, policies regarding event bookings, as well as overseeing the Society's clubs communications, sustainability operations and programming.



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Positions for appointment:

Four (4) AUS Councillors, of which no more than two (2) may be a member of the Executive Portfolio

Two (2) Student-At-Large

Nominations:

Councillors

- Vanessa Zhang
- Cindy Zhang

Student-At-Large

- Kate Matlina

Each nominee shall present a max. 90-second speech explaining why they would like to sit on the Operations Committee. Each nominee will be asked a maximum of two questions from AUS Council. Voting AUS Council members will then vote the appointments

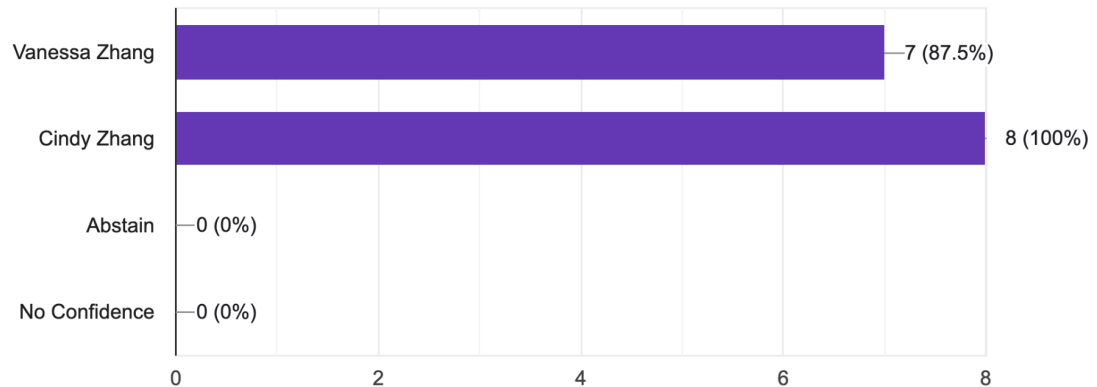
Results:

- AUS Councillors
 - Cindy Zhang
 - Vanessa Zhang
- Student-At-Large
 - Kate Matlina



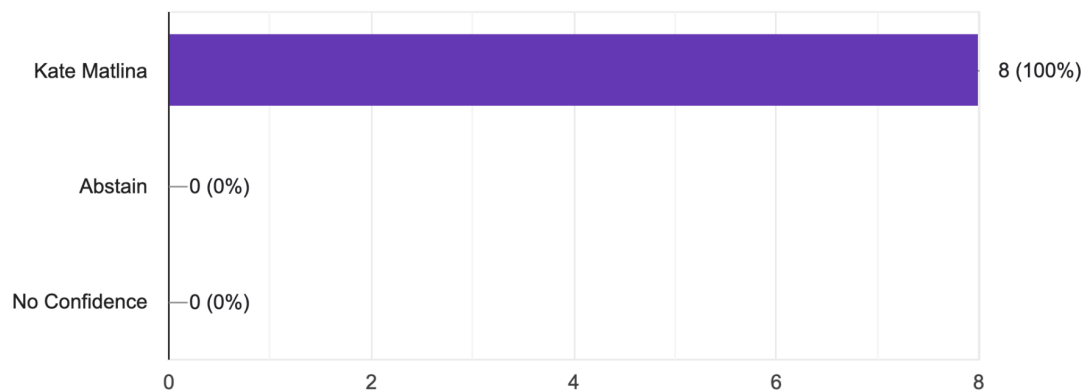
Please select up to 4 Councillor(s) to be appointed to the Operation Committee. Selecting more than 4 option(s) will result in this ballot being voided.

8 responses



Please Select up to 2 Student-at-Large(s) to be appointed to the AUS Operation Committee. You may select up to 2 option(s) on this ballot. Selecting more than 2 option(s) will result in this ballot being voided.

8 responses



"BE IT RESOLVED that the AUS Council appoints **Cindy, Vanessa and Kate** to the Operations Committee, effective immediately until **the next committee appointments in October..**"

- **Moved:** Akuol
- **Seconded:** Jasper

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

5. Council Accountability and Performance Review Committee Appointments



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Responsible for oversight of the Executive's adherence to the Code of Procedures, Policies, and Goals, through a midterm reports process. It is also responsible for hearing significant concerns from Students, Councillors, and AUS HR.

Positions for appointment:

Five (5) non-executive, non-AMS Representative council members, who shall not hold any other recruited position within the AUS.

Nominations:

Councillors

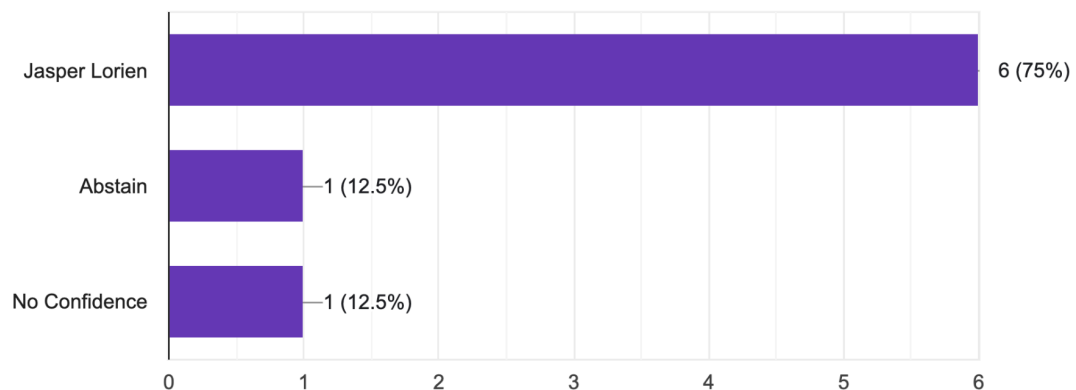
- Jasper Lorien

Each nominee shall present a max. 90-second speech explaining why they would like to sit on the Council Accountability and Performance Review Committee . Each nominee will be asked a maximum of two questions from AUS Council. Voting AUS Council members will then vote the appointments

Results:

- AUS Councillors
- Jasper Lorien

Please select up to Five (5) non-executive, non-AMS Representative and not holding an AUS recruited position; to be appointed to the Council Acc... 5 option(s) will result in this ballot being voided.
8 responses



"BE IT RESOLVED that the AUS Council appoints **Jasper** to the Council Accountability and Performance Review Committee, effective immediately until **the next committee appointments in October.."**




- **Moved:** Cindy
- **Seconded:** Maral

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

Executive Goal: VP Academic

Presenter: Maral Tabarmanaf, VP Academic

 VP Academic Executive Goals Report 2025

Jasper: Lots of consideration in your goals like feasibility that I appreciate. I've been working on the student discipline process so you may want to consider including the Arts Student Senator and names of who you're working with. May also want to include explicit names around advocacy bodies like the Dean's Office. Smart to separate the accessibility and indigenous curriculum with different avenues for advocacy. A bit confused what a 'semi formal' report looks like, could you provide context?

Maral: I appreciate all the notes. I will make changes around adding specific names. There is a typo in the title around the curriculum point, the accessibility and indigenous curriculum will be two separate goals. For the report it will lean towards an informal report


I) Executive Reports

1. President – Sarah Wong

 President Updates 07_25

Sarah: The Equity Commissioner will be at the next council meeting!


2. VP Academic – Maral Tabarmanaf

 Academic Portfolio: Council Updates

3. VP Administration – Adrienne Tang

 7/30 Administration Council Report


4. VP Engagement – Vanessa Zhang

 VP Engagement Council Updates July 30

5. VP External – Cindy Zhang

 07/30/2025 External Portfolio: Council Report

6. VP Finance – Khushi Nanda

 July 31 – VP Finance Council Updates



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7. VP Student Life – Akuol Riak

[July 31 - VP Student Life Council Updates](#)

8. Equity Commissioner – VACANT

Jasper: The code change to written reports is important to be more detailed than a couple bullet points and adequate detail and same amount of information as verbal reports

Sarah: Great feedback! I will make sure the exec team will add detail but will also note that reports will have less compared to later in the year.

Jasper: I appreciate that, there are a few outliers around brief reports but all looks good besides this

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AUS Council accepts all executive reports."

- **Moved:** Cindy
- **Seconded:** Charles

Motion is in order.

J) Senate, AMS Representative, and Year Representative Reports (max. 3 mins)

1. Arts Student Senator – Jasper Lorient

Jasper: There has not been another Senate meeting since last council, there is no Senate update

2. AMS Representatives - Ananya Gupta and Alex Kim

- [AUS:AMS Council Update . pdf](#)

Alex: The AMS is hiring!

Jasper: I encourage you to apply – It is a lot of fun. There is a VP Student Life election happening soon that is also hiring

3. First Year Representatives – VACANT

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4. Second Year Representative – Charles Macsabejon

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5. **Third Year Representative – Melissa Hartnett**

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6. **Fourth Year Representative – VACANT**

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"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AUS Council accepts Senate, AMS Representative, and Year Representative reports."

- **Moved:** Akuol
- **Seconded:** Alex

Motion is in order.

K) Committee Reports (max. 5 minutes each)


1. **Arts Caucus Committee**

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

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3. **Executive Committee**

-  Executive Committee Updates 07_25

Sarah: I would appreciate any ideas and feedback on this. I am still trying to figure out the differences between the executive committee and president reports so any feedback is great!

Jasper: Would be similar to an AMS committee update.

Sarah: There are lots of overlapping projects that I repeat but I am aware of being redundant. Given that the AUS does not have as many updates since it is not a full-time position like the AMS should I be repeating what execs stated in their reports since I give them projects to take on.

Jasper: Would not expect the same level as AMS but used as the AMS as an example about distinction of president vs. exec committee duties. Would not include the work you nudge other VPs on in the President/Exec committee report, VPs would include in their update.



4. Finance Committee

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5. First Year Committee

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6. Governance Committee

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7. Operations Committee

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

- **Moved:** Maral
- **Seconded:** Akuol

Motion is in order.

L) Old Business (max. 5 minutes each)


M) New Business (max. 10 minutes each)

N) Supporting Documents

Executive Goals Revisions:

9. President – Sarah Wong

10. VP Academic – Maral Tabarmanaf

 VP Academic Executive Goals Report 2025

11. VP Administration – Adrienne Tang

12. VP Engagement – Vanessa Zhang



13. VP External – Cindy Zhang

14. VP Finance – Khushi Nanda

☰ 2025- 26 VP Finance Executive Goals

15. VP Student Life – Akuol Riak

☰ Executive Goals Report StuLife

Jaromir: We will be voting on Executive goals likely next meeting

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

- **Moved:**
- **Seconded:**
- Motion is in order.

O) Next Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on DATE at TIME to be determined, via Zoom.

P) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at: 8:18 PM (PST).

Supporting Documents

Resources

- ☰ Governance Department 24/25 - Council Procedures

Forms

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

