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Member associations in attendance to business:

- Capilano Students' Union (by Maia Lomelino)
- Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver (by Alireza Kamyabi)
- Kwantlen Student Association (by Jeremy Law)
- Langara Students' Union (by Manpreet Kaur)
- University of the Fraser Valley Student Union Society (by Jessica Levesque)

Individuals in attendance to business:

- Emily Bridge, president (Capilano Students' Union)
- Rajdeep Dhaliwal, vice-president external (UFV Student Union Society)
- Grace Dupasquier, chairperson (officer)
- Christopher Girodat, executive director (Capilano Students' Union)
- Trevor Morten, director of finance and operations (officer)
- Anna-Elaine Rempel, social policy researcher (staff)
- Shanti Scarpetta-Lee, director of research & campaigns (officer)
- Josh Thomas, director, policy & campaigns (Capilano Students' Union)

\* denotes partial attendance

**[Secretary's Note]** Pursuant to bylaw 12.8.3 of the Alliance of BC Students, in the absence of an ordinary resolution having been adopted at this annual general meeting setting the fee for the subsequent fiscal year, the membership fee is deemed to have been adjusted by the British Columbia Consumer Price Index.

## 1. Call to Order

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:19pm.

## 2. Land Acknowledgement

The chairperson acknowledged that the land on which member associations are gathering today are lands belonging to sovereign nations co-located in British Columbia, and emphasized the importance of action- and change-based acknowledgements.

### **3. Overview of Meeting Procedures**

The chairperson provided a brief overview of the meeting procedures. The chairperson requested that member associations designate a primary representative for the purpose of voting on behalf of the member association.

The chairperson also advised that “Suggesting” access has been provided to the Google Doc setting out amendments to the bylaws, but requested that member associations do not suggest any further changes directly in the Google Doc at this time.

The chairperson noted that some of the changes to the bylaws being proposed today require, per higher thresholds set out in the bylaws themselves, the unanimous written consent of each of the member associations.

### **4. Report on the Financial Statements**

The director of finance & operations presented the profit & loss statement for the year ended May 31, 2020, and provided a brief overview of revenues and expenses.

- The “skills & training conference” budget line item has been renamed and repurposed in the new fiscal year, which is why the line item is listed as having been “deleted” in these year-end financial statements.
- The “other income” revenue account relates to small transactions in the earlier part of the year, prior to the current director of finance & operations having taken office, and so they do not have enough context to categorize those expenses.

The director of finance & operations presented the balance sheet for the year ended May 31, 2020, and reviewed the organization’s assets, equity, and liabilities.

In response to a question, member associations were advised that changes in fund balances in previous fiscal years had been recorded as follows, while noting that some transactions’ detailed records for the 2017-2018 fiscal year had been lost:

- in 2015, a deficit of \$1,304.34;
- in 2016, a surplus of \$9,637.14;
- in 2017, a surplus of \$9,625.99;
- in 2018, a surplus of \$12,378.07; and

- In 2019, a surplus of \$14,549.74.

In response to a question, the chairperson advised that the profit & loss statement and the balance sheet for the year ended May 31, 2020 would be provided to member associations as a resource in upcoming discussions around membership fees.

The chairperson noted that the procedure for approval of the agenda had been erroneously omitted, and so the chairperson invited member associations to consider, at this time, the circulated draft agenda for approval.

**AGM-20201121-01: MOTION**

Moved by the Kwantlen Student Association

Seconded by the University of the Fraser Valley Student Union Society

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved by presented  
CARRIED**

**5. Report by the Board of the Alliance**

The chairperson presented the report of the board to member associations.

In response to a question, the chairperson advised that the Alliance is not currently considering introducing compensation for the officers, even if member associations approve an increase in membership fees. The chairperson advised that the current priority is by ensuring that membership fees at least cover permanent employment.

In response to a question about activities on working groups, the chairperson noted that working groups with the provincial government tend to make progress slowly. Staff also noted that working groups are currently impacted by the provincial government having entered “caretaker” mode pending the swearing-in of the executive council.

Officers and staff provided updates on specific working groups as follows:

- The social policy researcher serves on the sexualized violence and misconduct oversight group (now called an advisory council ); Kenya Rogers is the graduate student representative, and Anna-Elaine Rempel is the undergraduate student representative; the group also includes provincial government staff and policy analysts; most of the \$760,000 allocated to this work has been exhausted.

- The sexualized violence and misconduct oversight group is focusing on ensuring trauma-informed responses to sexualized violence, and developing a sexualized violence climate survey to be released in January or February; we are working on ensuring that student societies receive access to this data.
- The chairperson sits on the training and resources working group under the sexual violence and misconduct advisory council, but noted that the working group does not appear to have met yet; staff advised that they would contact other student representatives to clarify the status of the working group.
- In terms of the student housing working group, the chairperson advised that, prior to the general election, they had been focusing on the development of best practices that ought to be employed by post-secondary institutions.
- The chairperson advised that, in terms of the Alliance's membership in the BC Health and BC Poverty Reduction Coalitions, the Alliance receives periodic updates from these groups, and offered to share the updates with members.

**AGM-20201121-02: MOTION**

Moved by the Capilano Students' Union

Seconded by the University of the Fraser Valley Student Union Society

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be recessed for five minutes**

**CARRIED**

*The meeting recessed at 1:33pm.*

*The meeting was called back to order at 1:38pm.*

**6. Considerations of Motions on Notice**

**a. ABCS Bylaw Amendments ([attachment](#))**

**AGM-20201121-03: MOTION**

Moved by the Kwantlen Student Association

Seconded by the University of the Fraser Valley Student Union Society

**BE IT SPECIALLY RESOLVED THAT the bylaws of the Alliance of BC Students be repealed, and replaced with the attached bylaws**

The director of finance & operations provided an overview of the proposed changes.

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In response to a question, the director of finance & operations provided additional context about the circumstances in which a member association might be placed in bad standing – for example, for non-payment of fees, for misconduct, or for acting against the interests of the Alliance of BC Students.

In response to a question, the chairperson advised that any amendments to the bylaws relating to membership fees, observer status, and other changes relating to membership management will be proposed at a later time.

The director of finance & operations noted that, because no ordinary resolution is being proposed and considered respecting membership fees for 2021-2022, the fee is deemed, under bylaw 12.8.3, to have been adjusted by the consumer price index.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**[Secretary's Note]** Bylaws 1.3, 1.5, and 1.6 require that any amendments to those provisions require the unanimous written agreement of the member associations; this note attests that each of the five member associations participating in the annual general meeting has confirmed by written message to the chairperson that each of the member associations has consented to these amendments.

**7. Adjournment**

Prior to adjournment, staff asked that member associations consider dates that would work well for a holiday social event for folks from the Alliance's member associations.

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

*The meeting adjourned at 1:59pm.*