

COUNCIL SUMMARY – January 24, 2024

Here are notes from the regular AMS Council meeting of **January 24, 2024**:

New Speaker! Council appointed a new Speaker, Kai Rogers, best known for having spoken to Council last year about fishing.

New Chair of HR: Council appointed Salva Sherif as the new chair of the HR Committee, replacing Erin Co, who has stepped down from Council.

DUC! Council approved a Code amendment to formalize the change of the name of the old Neurodiverse and Disabled Alliance (an AMS Resource Group) to the Disabilities United Collective (DUC).

Customer Loyalty Program: President Ben Du informed Council that a customer loyalty program is in the works to provide more affordable food at AMS outlets and to build long-term relationships.

A/V Structure: President Du told Council that a plan to revamp the Nest's A/V structure will be coming to Council soon.

Snow and Strike: President Du and Managing Director Justin Lieu praised staff for keeping the Nest open during the recent snowstorm and bus strike. Law Councillor Aki Kamoshida asked about online and recorded lectures in case of a strike; VPAUA Kamil Kanji said there are ongoing conversations about this.

VP Administration Ian Caguiat said Clubs Days is being extended into next week because of the strike.

PhD support: VPAUA Kanji told Council that an additional \$22.8 million has been secured to support PhD students.

International students: Senator Mathew Ho asked about the effects of the recently announced cap on international student permits. VPAUA Kanji said the University is already taking steps about a possible decrease in international enrolment. VP External Joshua Kim said his office is drafting a letter expressing concern about how the cap might stigmatize international students and lead to higher tuition.

Next meeting:

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2024 in the Michael Kingsmill Forum in the Nest at 6 pm.

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