



PhUS Council Minutes

Date June 13, 2026

Time 8:30 AM

President	Carl Silverio	P	1 st Year Rep	-	
VP Internal	Jacob Magbag	P	1 st Year Rep	-	
VP External	Amy Lee	L	1 st Year Rep	-	
AVP Internal	Taoyi Zhang	P	2 nd Year Rep	-	
VP Academic	Pasley Merritt	P	2 nd Year Rep	-	
AVP Academic	Alyssa Burrows	P	2 nd Year Rep	-	
VP Finance	Keegan Koning	P	3 rd Year Rep	-	
VP Social	Kayla Pham	P	3 rd Year Rep	-	
AVP Social	Gurbaz Grewal	P	3 rd Year Rep	-	
VP Communications	Miffia Huang	P	2028 Grad Reps (3 rd Year)	Amanda Gao	P
Secretary	Xya Parashar	P		Hailie White	-
Sports Representative	Camille Valdes	P	4 th Year Rep	Alvin Adam	-
Sponsorship Coordinator	Irene Cheng	P	4 th Year Rep	Lindsay Barkworth	-
Mentorship Coordinator	Jayden Pun	P	2027 Grad Reps (4 th Year)	Ava Meririll	-
				Payton Leonard	-
DEI Chair	Alexis Jang	P	Senator	TBA	-
Faculty Representative	TBA	-	Faculty Representative	TBA	-
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P (present) | A (absent) | R (regrets) | L (late) | - (not required to attend)

Guests: N/A

Meeting Presentation: N/A

Meeting called to order at 8:31 AM

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Irene Cheng ; **Seconded:** Jacob Macbag





Discussions:

1. PY1 Orientation Week

a. PhUS Welcome + Icebreakers

- i. **Tuesday, September 8** - 2:50PM (65min) / PHRM 1101 - PhUS Welcome
- ii. Typically this is done by just the president, but if you are available at this time I would love to incorporate you into the presentation. (note: this is during class time for PY3's so you would have to miss a portion of that)

b. Safety Orientation and Building Tour + PhUS Introductions

- i. Wednesday, September 9 - 9:00AM-12:00PM / PHRM 1101 - Safety Orientation & Building Tour
- ii. **All executives must attend this!!!** You will be given a chance to introduce yourself and your role in PhUS.

c. Safety Orientation Feedback

- i. *Group Size and Noise:*
 1. Multiple participants noted that the groups were too large, making it difficult to hear the guides.
 2. Some suggested smaller groups or providing microphones to improve communication.
- ii. *Tour Organization:*
 1. A few respondents felt the tour was a bit chaotic, with groups clashing in the same locations or appearing disorganized at times.
 2. Some wished for a more comprehensive tour, including upper floors, additional study spaces, and lab rooms.
- iii. *Time Management:*
 1. Some participants found the session rushed, wishing for more time to explore the building or cover more areas.
 2. Others felt certain parts, like the safety orientation, were repetitive of pre-readings and could have been shortened.
- iv. *Suggestions for Improvement:*
 1. Include maps or pamphlets to complement the tour and serve as a reference afterward.
 2. Ensure smaller and more organized group tours to avoid overcrowding.
 3. Provide clearer guidance on important building features, such as where to try lab coats for the White Coat Ceremony or specific rooms for classes and tutorials.
 4. Spend more time exploring areas like lab rooms, upper floors, and gender-neutral bathrooms to provide a complete understanding of the building.
 5. Consider conducting the tour on the first day to better integrate students into their environment early on.

d. Volunteers Needed

- i. Faculty has requested five PhUS volunteers or more to help out with set up and lunch distribution for year 1's.
- ii. **Date: Tuesday, September 8th** 11:30AM-1:00PM:
- iii. If you are able to, please contact me as I need to inform faculty that you will be present.



2. Upcoming Dates and Events

- a. July Council Meeting - *TBD*
- b. PhUS Dinner - *End of August - Early September*
- c. GPA - *September 6, 2026*; Volunteer Orientation - *September 4, 2026*
- d. First day of classes + PY1 Icebreakers - PhUS welcome - *September 8, 2026*
- e. PhUS intro + Building Tour - Building tour - *September 9, 2026*
- f. SDM Welcome Back BBQ - *September 17, 2026 (Tentative)*
- g. Clubs Night - *September 16, 2026*

3. PhUS Committees

- a. **Everyone must join at least 2 (Submit your choice in a google forum)**
 - i. Student Pipeline Committee
 - ii. Social Committee
 - iii. Sports Committee
 - iv. Sponsorship Committee
 - v. Constitution Review Committee
 - vi. Mentorship Committee
- b. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbOwvkHc0UvkEANM02-I9A51t9MrXAudfGyuAEJPurcY87hQ/viewform?usp=header>

4. Commitment to Care Ceremony

- a. **Changes to the White Coat Ceremony (via Kathy Seto)**
 - i. Reason: negative connotations as a colonial symbol of power.
 - ii. New venue
 - iii. Shifting the ceremony date to a Friday evening, and re-envisioning symbolic elements of the event.
 - iv. White Coat a symbol has been changed to a stethoscope
 - v. Please feel free to share with current and upcoming students.
 - vi. Will be communicated directly to incoming PY1.

5. PhUS Dinner 2026/2027

- a. We will be doing “small” events throughout the year, starting with a PhUS Dinner before the fall semester starts.
- b. Dates and locations will be polled in the future

6. Academic Updates

- a. **Academic Committee** (May 21) - Academic Portfolio expressed Pharmsci should send out web safety resources after the hacking incident, scant review of academic offense appeals, policy verbiage, and passed a new PEADs on study skills for first years
- b. **Academic Caucus** (June 15)
- c. **MHTF hiring** PY2-4 currently (deadline June 21)
- d. **Pipeline hiring** PY2-4 currently (deadline tbd)
- e. **Event planning** - targeting multiple counts of procrastination (all DATES TBD) - reach out if you are interested in partnering
- f. **Academic Resource quotes** - ongoing - July 1 goal
- g. **Kathy Seto meeting for pipeline restructure** - June, date tbd





7. Sports x MHTF

- a. Once monthly, Mondays (?)
- b. **Goal:** to increase student engagement, physical activity and well being
- c. September- Climbing and cold plunge/ocean swim
- d. October- Boxing
- e. November- Skating
- f. January- Yoga and goal setting
- g. February- run club collab
- h. March- pilates
- i. Punch card for prize draw incentives
- j. Next steps: Camille and Alyssa reach out for quotes (UBC local for convenience and cost savings)

8. Social Updates

- a. Emailed SDM 3 separate times - still awaiting a response to continue BBQ planning
- b. **Oct 31, 2026** - hold for Boo's Cruise boat; waiting on Finance to send the deposit
- c. Obtaining venue quotes for gala
 - i. looking into banquet halls instead of hotel venues (more budget friendly?)
- d. Sent out google form to SoCo group chat for early hiring
- e. Confirmed PhUS booth at GPA
 - i. Planning to host pictionary game
 - ii. Any PhUS members available on Sept. 6th to help with the booth - ideally need 2 members present

9. GPA Updates:

- a. Confirmed number of stations including clubs and faculty.
- b. Ice breakers have been made. Map and itinerary are currently being finalized
- c. The budget including food options has been approved. (Contract for photo booth has been signed)
- d. Pharm building spaces have been booked, spaces around campus are currently in the process of being booked
- e. 16 sponsors confirmed, expecting more.
- f. Marketing will begin posting on the 17th (Ticket sales will run from July 3rd - July 17th)
- g. HR is currently in the process of hiring volunteers with applications closing on June 14th
- h. The theme for GPA this year is: 2016 Reloaded!

10. External Updates

- a. AMS orientation on May 31st went well.
 - i. Discussed with AMS VP Academic regarding practicum subsidies, but will require a conversation with PhUS VP Academic
 - ii. AMS External Affairs was chosen for the AMS sub-committee
- b. PAM will have a shared booth with DEI in GPA
- c. Will begin turnover for PAM in July

11. Finance Updates

- a. [Budget Update to June 13, 2026 \(PDF\)](#)
- b. Waiting on remaining budget proposals to complete the 2026 Budget





Round Table:

Faculty	- Sanford Guide (required → non-required)
President	- A qualtrics was sent out last year to PY1s for improvement suggestions. - The PY1 Welcome Package is set to be sent out next week and will include information to direct PY1 students to the FB page.
Secretary	NTR
VP External/DEI Chair	NTR
VP Internal	- PhUS members keys to building and locker. - Have met with Jon and Rehana, will get an email regarding that. - Clubs have been reaching out to—all clubs meeting in August. - There has been a surplus of clubs—21 official clubs. Currently the max limit of clubs is 25. - Requirement from Internal: only one event per lunch time (not including club meetings). - No new updates on the PhUS lounge renovation. Confirmed that the cost of the renovation will be covered by sponsors. - Set to be done in August.
VP Academic	NTR
VP Social	- Contact Kayla if you are interested in participating in the GPA PhUS Booth
VP Finance	- Received the contract. Will review and confirm with Carl to have deposit sent by Monday - 2026 PhUS Budget is projected to be roughly the same as last year
VP Communications	- Please complete google form by the end of this week!
Sponsorship Coordinator	- Currently prepping emails to be sent to potential sponsors. - Rexall has confirmed their interest as a Silver Package sponsor for Skit's Night. - Will review and provide an update regarding the posting requirements on FB.
Sports Rep	- Reaching out to clubs and faculty for Med 3v3 if interested in participating.
Mentorship Coordinator	- Application to be a mentor will be posted beginning of next week and the link will be shared with Faculty.
Senator	NTR
Grad Reps 2027	- The date of post-coat party to be confirmed.
Grad Reps 2028	NTR
1 st Year Reps	NTR
2 nd Year Reps	NTR
3 rd Year Reps	NTR
4 th Year Reps	NTR

NTR = Nothing to Report

Meeting Adjourned: 9:28 AM

Moved: Keegan Koning; Seconded: Kayla Pham





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Be it resolved that the PhUS council adjourns the meeting.



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