

# 2012 Constitutional Referendum Summary



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## → Mission of the CUS

*"To enhance the value of the UBC Sauder School of Business' Bachelor of Commerce degree while cultivating **social, professional and academic** success in students."*

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## → Main Areas of Change

Alumni  
Board Reps

Turnover  
Date

Elected  
Speaker

Minutiae

# → Addition of Alumni Board Representation

## PROPOSED CHANGES

- Addition of 4 alumni board representatives onto the CUS Board of Directors
- Creation of nominating committee to lead the selection of alumni directors
  - Committee to comprise five elected student representatives
- Alumni Board members to serve two year overlapping terms

## RATIONALE

- To introduce experienced outside perspectives into the strategic discussions of the board
- To build stronger relations with the CUS alumni community
- To provide longer term continuity on the Board through introduction of multi-year terms

# → Turnover Date Change

## PROPOSED CHANGES

- A return of the annual turnover date of the CUS Board and Executive to the first Monday in March

## RATIONALE

- To provide the newly elected Board and Executive a month of time before the end of the academic year to gain experience running the Society and “get their feet wet” through doing so



# → Speaker Position Reform

## PROPOSED CHANGES

- The Speaker of the Board of Directors shall be called “Chairperson”
- The Speaker position will be selected from amongst the elected year representatives and not hired

## RATIONALE

- To better align the title of the head of the Board of Directors with Non-Profit Organization standards
- To solve governance and conflict-of-interest issues which existed with a hired Speaker and to establish a clear elected leader for the strategic body of the CUS

# → Minutiae and Upkeep

## PROPOSED CHANGES

- Change of name of “Student Council” to “Service Council”
- Other smaller changes that can be viewed in the track-changes document of the constitution

## RATIONALE

- Other changes were made either to align the constitution with current practice (i.e. the naming of Service Council) or to fix proofreading errors (e.g. the last version of the constitution had a numbering error which totally skipped Article XXI)



→ Thanks!

**Questions?**

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