YES,
IT’S DAVE TOMPKINS!
Congratulations, Dave,
on surviving a full decade
on AMS Student Council
DAVE ON COUNCIL:
A BRIEF HISTORY
January 21, 1998 - ?
1998: YEAR ONE
Dave’s first Council meeting: January 21, 1998
Dave’s first mention in the Council minutes: Ta-da!!

February 4, 1998: Dave makes the Constituency report for the GSS.
   (Yes, Dave was already a graduate student 10 years ago.)
DAVE SUPPORTS THE OUTPOST:

February 25, 1998: Dave votes (in a roll call vote) against the old Thunderbird Shop and for the new Outpost.
February 25, 1998:
Dave votes against an increase in athletics fees.
February 25, 1998: Dave challenges the chair.

May 20, 1998: Dave chairs Council for the first time, temporarily taking over from AMS President Vivian Hoffmann (back in the days when Presidents chaired Council).
July 8, 1998: DAVE SUPPORTS PROFANITY

When the Inside UBC (predecessor of the AMS Insider) balked at running an article containing swear words, Dave Tompkins said the AMS should support the use of such words, and moved the following motion:

MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED NATHAN ALLEN:

1. “Be it resolved that the AMS support the use of profanities in the Inside UBC.”

... Carried
CFS AND CASA

June 10, 1998: Dave seconds the motion to join CASA.

July 7, 1999: Dave seconds the motion to have the AMS enter into the lawsuit against the CFS over Travelcuts.

April 28, 2004: Dave Tompkins said he had seen CASA grow over the years. At the beginning it was not very effective, but it had gained momentum and many of its policies had now come into effect. He liked its strategy and felt good that there was someone in Ottawa to lobby on education issues.
DAVE GOES THE EXTRA MILE:

• September 16, 1998: Dave moves motion to increase the allocation for legal costs for UBC students involved in APEC proceedings from $10,000 to $10,001.
DAVE MAKES THE EXECUTIVE WORK:

February 24, 1999: Dave moves motion to increase the Executive’s hours to 30 per week.
DAVE ASKS ABOUT FOOD:

March 24, 1999: Dave asks about the Council menu; most Councillors support pizza and sandwiches, but we know what Dave wants:
DAVE SAYS NO TO WAR DISCUSSION:

May 19, 1999: Dave opposes discussion of possible war in Iraq, saying it is not within Council’s mandate.
DAVE IS FOR HEALTH:

August 4, 1999: Dave moves the motion to call the referendum to approve the Student Health and Dental Plan.
DAVE IN THE NEW MILLENIUM
A KINDER, GENTLER DAVE:

February 23, 2000: Dave moves motion to have pay increase applied retroactively to outgoing Executive.
DAVE SUPPORTS DRINKING:

March 8, 2000

3. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED MARK BEESE:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend Section III, Article 1(4) of the AMS Code of Procedure to allow alcohol consumption within Council Chambers.”

...Defeated
DAVE CHANGES HATS

September 27, 2000: Becomes a Senate representative on Council.

BUT STILL INTERESTED IN BEER:

March 28, 2001:

53. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED MARK FRASER: "That the Executive allow Council members access to the Pit Pub after Council meetings without having to stand in the line-up."

... Withdrawn
DAVE GETS PATRIOTIC:

September 12, 2001: Suggests putting flags in Council chambers.

October 11, 2006: Dave Tompkins recommended putting the Canadian and BC flags in.
DAVE TRIES TO ENSURE LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT:

November 21, 2001:

G) Discussion Period: • Dave Tompkins asked Council members for their opinions on the mandatory retirement age of 65 years.
DAVE FIGHTS THE GOOD FIGHT:

January 9, 2002: Speaks out against UBC plan to impose academic penalties for parking violations.

October 27, 2004: Dave Tompkins said UBC should not impose academic penalties for non-academic offences. There was no way something should show up on a transcript if a student threw a ball through a window.
DAVE FIGHTS CLOSER TO HOME:

February 6, 2002: Says Council presentations are too long and should not be allowed to go beyond 7 pm.
MORE FIGHTING AT HOME:

February 6, 2002: Dave says Executives are better at schools without slates.
DAVE THINKS OF THE STAFF:

• February 6, 2002: Dave Tompkins suggested the Executive give Speaker Janice Boyle and the AMS Staff at Council a treat.

• February 27, 2002: Dave Tompkins asked what happened to the treat the Executive was supposed to give Janice Boyle and the AMS staff attending the last marathon meeting.

  - Erfan Kazemi said it was decided to leave this to the new executive, adding that a treat well done, smoothly, is better than something quick.

  - Dave said there was something to be said for instant gratification.
POOR TA’S:

August 28, 2002: Dave grills UBC administrators over funding for graduate students.

October 9, 2002: More grilling. This time Dave asks the Registrar about fee increases and academic quality.

April 30, 2003: And more. This time questioning Brian Sullivan about tuition fees.

January 25, 2006: Even after becoming Speaker grilling Brian Sullivan about tuition and graduate students.
STILL HARPING ON FOOD:

October 23, 2002: Dave Tompkins said that he was not happy about the fact that food runs out by 6:30 pm at Council meetings.

November 6, 2002: Dave Tompkins as a point of personal privilege requested more food.
DAVE CONCERNED ABOUT AMS-GSS RELATIONS:

October 23, 2002:

Policy

• Dave Tompkins brought up the fact that the GSS has contracted an AMS employee for some work.
• Perhaps we should have a policy about how this relationship would work.
HEALTH AGAIN

November 6, 2002:

Discussion of problems caused by the large number of claims made in the Student Health and Dental Plan:

Dave Tompkins said students should not be blamed for over-using the system.
Dave in 2003/2004
DAVE WORKS FOR SHORTER COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 26, 2003: Appointed to the Council Meeting Committee
DAVE ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

March 24, 1999: Commercial Services Planning Group (ancestor of BOC).
August 4, 1999: Campus Advisory Board on Student Development.
July 18, 2001: Alpha (Primary) Appointments Committee.
July 18, 2001: SUDS Volunteer Committee.
April 24, 2002: Alpha (Primary) Appointments Committee.
April 24, 2002: Commercial Services Planning Group.
April 30, 2003: Primary Appointments Committee.
    Compensation Review Committee.
    Business Operations Committee.
February 5, 2004: Executive Review Committee.
April 28, 2004: Communications Planning Group.
September 29, 2004: UBC Budgetary Review Committee.
May 1, 2005: Lobbying Review Committee.
DAVE’S INTERESTING IDEAS:

• April 30, 2003: Dave Tompkins suggested going to referendum to get the power to raise fees without going back to referendum.

• April 30, 2003: Dave Tompkins asked what would happen if Council did not pass the preliminary budget. Sheldon Goldfarb said then the AMS would be functioning without a budget.

October 13, 2004: Dave Tompkins suggested establishing a WebCT hotline for faculty to use to get their questions about the system answered.

January 25, 2006: Dave Tompkins suggested a simple electronic voting system involving cutting and pasting of ID numbers.

February 8, 2006: Dave Tompkins suggested making scholarships RRSP-eligible.
INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW:

October 15, 2003: Dave Tompkins said he had heard that the two major claims in the plan were for Prozac and birth control pills. Lev Bukhman said Yes, the top two were oral contraceptives and anti-depressants.
DAVE AND EXECUTIVE PAY AGAIN

October 15, 2003: Dave appointed to Executive Remuneration Committee.

January 14, 2004: Dave votes for increased pay for the Executive.
SLATES

February 25, 2004: Dave votes to ban slates.
Dave in 2003-04
DAVE ON MORALITY

September 29, 2004: Dave Tompkins said there was a certain moral decay involved in suspending Code more often, as he feared was happening.
January 10, 2007: Dave recommends holding the provincial lobby day on February 14. “That will be Valentine’s Day. Romance and lobbying.”
DAVE ON SUB RENEWAL

August 22, 2007: Dave Tompkins noted that he’d been lobbying for a Taco Bell for years, but maybe now he’d advocate a Swiss Chalet or a Curry Point. Or why not an Arcade?
DAVE ON MARKETING

• September 14, 2005:

• Dave Tompkins: We have to market the AMS. We have to lobby and let students know we’re lobbying.
DAVE’S WORDS OF WISDOM

October 13, 2004: Dave Tompkins said it was not necessary that Council take a position on every issue.

November 9, 2005: Dave Tompkins said his experience at the GSS was that people do not read reports.

April 26, 2006: Dave Tompkins: Maybe next time a power-point presentation would help.

September 26, 2007:
Natalie Swift: How does this actually solve the problem?
Dave Tompkins: You’re new here. We don’t actually solve problems.
ON DEALING WITH OMBUDSPERSONS
LEAVING

September 26, 2007:

Bernie Peets: Most of them have been offered better jobs because they were so well qualified.

Dave Tompkins: So perhaps we should hire less qualified candidates.
Dave Gets Recognition

October 27, 2004:
Scott Price supports a new AMS award for volunteers and suggests naming it the Dave Tompkins Award for Being on Council Way Too Long.

March 14, 2007:
Dave as Speaker asks not to be eligible for the new Councillor of the Year award, saying he would be annoyed if he were eligible for the award but didn’t get it.
SO WHY HAS HE STAYED SO LONG?

December 1, 2004: Dave Tompkins said that for all those who wanted to sit on AMS Council he had news: it was not all that exciting.
THE GENERAL MANAGER IS IN DANGER!
DAVE RIDES TO THE RESCUE
But it causes strange facial hair to grow above his lip:
And he loses 100 pounds
And then in 2005 he rose above the fray and became Speaker and lived happily ever after.

THE END