



# THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

## AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 18, 2017

### Attendance

Present: Ava Nasiri (President), Samantha So (VP Academic), Louis Retief (VP Finance), Kathleen Simpson (VP External), Chris Scott (VP Administration), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Keith Hester (Managing Director)

Guest: Jakob Gattinger (Chair of Governance Review Committee)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm.

### Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

### Minutes

- The minutes of March 21, March 24, March 30, and April 4 were approved (Chris, Louis).

### Old SUB

- Chris: The latest redesign of the Old SUB, which was supposed to save money, has instead made things more expensive, so I'm consulting with Michael Kingsmill (the AMS Designer) on reducing expenses.

### Council

- Jakob: Issue of who will be the voting Constituency members of Council at the April 26 meeting, given the Bylaw change that reduced numbers for the multiple member Constituencies:
  - Could pass a one-time amendment to everyone's constitution saying for this year new members take office on April 26.
  - Could just say there are no reps at this meeting from multiple member Constituencies.
  - Could have the Constituencies decide who their voting members should be.
- Consensus in favour of the third option.

- Jakob: I will circulate the amendments to Constituency constitutions needed to put the standardized May 1 turnover date in place. Some of them don't need amendments.

### **Committee Reviews**

- Discussion of ensuring that committee reviews take place every two years.

MOVED KATHLEEN, SECONDED SAM:

“Be it resolved that the Executive Committee recommend to Council that it direct the Governance Committee to draw up an Internal Policy for the procedures needed for biannual committee reviews.”

... Carried

### **Preliminary Budget**

- Louis: Have finished a preliminary version of the Preliminary Budget. Will take it to the Finance Committee. Can also submit it to Council, not for approval yet, but just as a submission.

### **Student Staff Transition**

- Hussam asked for advice on handling transitions.
- Louis recommended two-week overlaps: hire people for 54 weeks so that the outgoing staff will be there for two weeks after the incoming staff start.
- Ava recommended transitional reports.

### **Council Part 2**

MOVED LOUIS, SECONDED SAMANTHA:

“Be it resolved that the Executive Committee on behalf of the Governance Review Implementation Committee recommend that Council approve the changes to the Constituency constitutions as presented.”

... Carried

### **Final Report**

- Final editing underway.
- Ava: Try to use more photos of people.
- Going to Coms this week.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.