



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

### AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 25, 2017

The Last Executive meeting  
(of this Executive)

There were streamers and party hats

### Attendance

Present: Ava Nasiri (President), Samantha So (VP Academic, arrived 12:45), Louis Retief (VP Finance), Chris Scott (VP Administration), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager, arrived 12:43), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Kathleen Simpson (VP External)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm.

### Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

### Minutes

- The minutes of April 18 were approved (Chris, Ava).

### Student Assistance Program

- Louis:
  - Studentcare is testing an online counselling service which they'd like to add to the Health and Dental Plan.
  - It would have counsellors available 24/7 online.
  - If added to our current Health and Dental Plan, there would be an additional cost of \$5 per student.
  - Spoke to Louise (Louise Cowin, UBC VP Students) and they're interested in doing the same thing, starting their own online 24/7 counselling service.
  - UBC would like to test the system, so perhaps can do it through Studentcare.
  - UBC would pay for part and would like us to pay part too.
  - Should we be providing and paying for such a service?

[Hussam arrives.]

- Discussion of whether to pay and of the risks involved: what if it doesn't work? what if the price goes up?

[Samantha arrives.]

- Louis: We have a large reserve.
- Ava: But it might be better spent on other things.
- Chris: What about the quality of the service?
- Hussam: We should pay special attention to the qualifications of those providing support. When we explored having a Speakeasy online peer support offering, the feedback from experts was that there are very specific training requirements to provide support online at a high quality.

### **Risk Assessment**

- Keith:
  - At the University's request, we had an external risk assessment done of the Nest. We've now received a written report vindicating our position that we don't need dedicated security staff in the building.
  - The only change they recommended was that there be more closed circuit TV's in the building, with signs saying that there is video surveillance.
- It was agreed that the report be sent to UBC.

### **Council agenda**

- Ava:
  - Executive final report going out. We can answer questions on it.
  - I'm going to make the Strategic Plan just a submission rather than a consultation topic.
  - We should get gifts for the incoming Executives.

### **Safewalk funding**

- Hussam: The VP Students was not comfortable setting a dollar amount yet for their contribution. Next year's team can follow up.

### **Business capital expenditure**

- Louis:
  - The Finance Committee met and reviewed the proposed Gallery and Food Cart purchases (\$60,000 for the Gallery and \$20,000 for the Food Cart).
  - These are motions going to Council.
  - Money coming from CPF, but we will pay it back: an internal loan. In four years.

### Strategic Plan

- Ava: Looked at Spencer's Strategic Framework from 2006. There's a draft of ours. Up to the next Executive now.

### Bus

- Ava:
  - Would like to buy a bus.
  - Campus and Community Planning will give us free parking.
  - MODO will pay the insurance.
  - The bus itself would cost about \$28,000.
  - It would be used by undergraduate societies and clubs for ski trips, surf trips, retreats. Also a Pit shuttle bus. A party bus.
- Hussam: You'd have to pay a bus driver.
- Louis: It would have to go to the Finance Committee.
- Suggestion to table.
- The President insisted that she was serious.

MOVED AVA, SECONDED CHRIS:

"Be it resolved that the Executive Committee endorse the idea of buying a bus."

... Carried

Note: Louis abstained.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm.