Attendance
Present: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Daniel Lam (VP Academic), Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance), Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration), Sally Lin (VP External, left 10:45), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Guests: Kavie Toor and Gilles Lepine (UBC Athletics)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am (Alan Standard Time).

Athletics and Recreation
Kavie and Gilles:
- UBC probably has the best program in the country.
- It’s about more than 640 student athletes, but about building pride, engagement, and community. It’s one of the things that connects people. It supports student well-being, both physical and mental.
- UBC athletic fees are below the national average, and the program is unique in drawing a large part of its funding from business revenue (gate receipts, hockey leagues, summer camps, concerts). Not all funding comes from student fees.
- Lots of external funding for the program; also from UBC Properties Trust.
- The $21 AMS fee goes to support Intramurals, the Aquatic Centre, Varsity Festival enhancement, and drop-in program subsidies.
- Our goals are to increase participation and build school spirit.

Questions
- Alim asked about the Varsity Festival.
- Kavie: The money for that is going for marketing and people power, which helped increase attendance from 700 at a typical hockey game to 5,000 at the Hockey Festival. Maybe we will do more festivals.
- Alim: What kind of marketing?
- Gilles:
  - Social media, handing out sunglasses etc., speaking to sponsors.
We’d like AMS people on our committees: You have better ideas and can make peer-to-peer connections.

Alan asked about the drop-in subsidy.

Kavie: It makes sure there is time; it also goes for staffing and equipment.

Alan: Does it lower the drop-in fee?

Kavie:
  o Drop-ins are free and are available every day, unless there is a major event.
  o Usually there’s about 50 hours a week (mostly during the day) for drop-ins.

Alan asked about the split in use of artificial turf between Varsity and Recreational.

Kavie: Student Intramural use exceeds Varsity use. There’s also third party (external) use.

Alim: If revenue is up, where does the surplus go?

Kavie: To the capital deficit.

Alim: Can we get these reports quarterly?

Gilles: Absolutely. We’re here to serve students.

Kavie: We can build a process. We’re open to discussion: maybe student clubs need more access and in return for that we would charge $1 to drop-in students.

Kelsi: Where did the money come from to help out the UNA?

Kavie: From UBC central.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Sally, Alim).

Minutes

- The minutes of June 13 were approved (Pooja, Alim).

Executive Goals

- Pooja:
  o Still meeting with Constituencies.
  o SLSC cleaned out for the office move.
  o Problem: There used to be a SAC Policy Handbook, but now SAC is gone, and 90% of the policies in the handbook didn’t get moved anywhere. Operations Committee is going to look at this.
  o SUB budget issues. Going to ask clubs to pitch in.

- Sally:
  o Was in Ottawa for conference.
  o Sexual assault prevention: coordinating with the University.
  o Submission on the Southwest Area Transit Plan (about the 480 bus etc.).
  o Working on terms of reference for the caucuses in the Advocacy Committee. Looking at models at other universities.
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[Sally leaves.]

- Daniel:
  - Meeting with the University Counsel about revising University policies.
  - Starting a review committee.
  - The AMS is interested in Policy 73 (academic accommodation for students with disabilities).
  - Consultation policy.
  - Policy on the Academic Experience Survey.

- Marium:
  - In-house data collection.
  - Advocate getting law students as volunteers from Allard to help with cases.
  - Talking about services with the GSS.

- Alim:
  - Profix.
  - Budget 85% done.
  - Operating manual (to be called a handbook).

- Alan:
  - Attended GSS Council, which has set up an ad hoc committee on the GSS-AMS referendum and GSS-AMS relations. Especially looking at what the impact of the GSS leaving the AMS would be.
    - In response, we’re looking at forming our own ad hoc committee.
  - Strategic Plan:
    - Moving away from top-down approach.
    - Want to work more from the bottom up, so will be sending thoughts about core values to the departments and businesses to get their feedback.
    - This a new process which should produce more buy-in.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11am (Alan Standard Time).