



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

### AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 20, 2017

#### **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:
  - Drop-ins are free and are available every day, unless there is a major event.
  - 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:
  - Still meeting with Constituencies.
  - SLSC cleaned out for the office move.
  - 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.
  - SUB budget issues. Going to ask clubs to pitch in.
- Sally:
  - Was in Ottawa for conference.
  - Sexual assault prevention: coordinating with the University.
  - Submission on the Southwest Area Transit Plan (about the 480 bus etc.).
  - Working on terms of reference for the caucuses in the Advocacy Committee. Looking at models at other universities.

[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.
- Mariam:
  - 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).