



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of July 18, 2017

Attendance

Present: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance), Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration, left 10:57), Sally Lin (VP External, arrived 10:11), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council, arrived 10:10)

Regrets: Daniel Lam (VP Academic),

Recording Secretary: Alan Ehrenholz/Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Pooja, Alim).

Minutes

- The minutes of July 11 were approved (Alim, Pooja).

Goals

- Alim:
 - Issues with credit card implementation (need implementation manager).
 - Budget going back to Council, with less revenue projected for Welcome Back BBQ.
 - New budget methods being sought: looking for more efficiency in the Finance Committee.
- Marium:
 - Data collection: UBC has been using Simplicity; initial meeting about this soon.
 - Tracking student needs. Calendar.
- Pooja:
 - Finished meeting Constituencies.
 - Wellness Week.
 - Clubs Days applications.
 - Exchange Club wants better Outreach.
 - SLSC: move should be happening soon.

- Operations Committee: Visit from Kite prompted thoughts that we need a new policy on free bookings for outside groups: these should go to the VP Administration.
- Old SUB information to be presented at Council. Unhappy with some developments.
- Art Gallery.
- Hiring.
- Alan:
 - Cool outreach plan at the Pit: asking students to design graffiti art for the new Pit sign.
 - Councillor support: Retreat planned for weekend of September 9-10, probably in Langley. Is under budget.
 - Executive support.
 - UBC Battle of the Bats: softball game: AMS Exec (and maybe some Constituency presidents) versus UBC.
 - Homecoming (September 16): meetings, passed conceptual stage, looking for things to do during the football game: song sheets. Goal is 10,000 student attendees.
- Sally:
 - Engagement map/spreadsheet of campus groups and contact information. Sharing with Execs. Not just AMS clubs; other groups.
 - Advocom is working on the terms of reference for the Advocom caucus groups.
 - Conversations about the Broadway transit line.
 - On the U-Pass Advisory Committee working group.
 - Academic affordability meeting with student reps from Simon Fraser and UVic. Talking about Rent with Rights.

Bike Share

Sally:

- University has approached us, asking for our input.
- Looking at a fleet of self-service bikes for one-way trips on campus.
- Various funding models.
- Sustainable, increase ease of getting around.
- Bike share is a growing industry: a lot in China, less so in Europe and North America.
- Plan would be for 30-45 bike stations and 500-1000 bikes.
- Or could be stationless, but then a potential clutter problem.
- Vancouver has Mobi; students can get a discount on it. Only serves a small part of Vancouver.
- We do have a Purple and Yellow bikeshare system already, run by the AMS Bike Co-op. It's mostly for their own members.

- Issue of regional connectivity: connecting UBC program with Mobi in Vancouver, but UBC prefers a purely on-campus model. (Including the UEL and the farm.)
 - Alan: For people living on campus.
- Issue of pedestrian/bike conflicts. Competing needs for public realm space. Stations would not be in the walking part of campus.
- Survey shows strong student support for such a service.
- Aim would be for convenience, reliability, ubiquity.
- UBC wants to grant an operating licence to a company that would come in and run the service.
- They also want to work with the AMS Bike Co-op to enhance their Purple and Yellow program.
- UBC is asking us about our interest and is looking for what they can glean from our experience with Purple and Yellow.
- Also want to hear our preferences concerning program management, involvement, funding models.
- Issues include safety (pedestrians vs. cyclists), community (who is a stakeholder?), sustainability, opportunities for students.
- Advocom has said it would like regional connectivity and wants to protect the Bike Kitchen.

Discussion of what role the AMS should play in such a service or on a committee managing such a service. And about pricing and making sure the service is student-friendly. Also on the role of the Bike Kitchen.

- Sally: We're going to have our own conversation with the Bike Kitchen.
- Kelsi: Under the operating licence system, UBC won't control the company or its pricing. It would be more like having Car2Go or Evo on campus.

Suggestion of devising an external policy on this.

[Pooja leaves.]

Societies Act

- Under the new Societies Act, we have to publish the remuneration of Directors (i.e., Council members) and managers making more than \$75,000 a year.
- This will affect Executives and Committee Chairs.
- The numbers will appear in the financial statements.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.