



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of July 25, 2017

Attendance

Present: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance), Daniel Lam (VP Academic), Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration, arrived 10:18), Sally Lin (VP External), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Guests: Jakob Gattinger (incoming interim VP Academic, by phone)

Regrets: Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Sally, Daniel).

Minutes

- The minutes of July 18 were approved (Alim, Daniel).

Executive Projects Assistant

- New assistant to be hired to help with three major legacy projects:
 - Selling art
 - Website overhaul
 - GSS referendum
- Will report monthly to the Executive.
- 15 hours a week.
- Alan will take the job description to HR Committee and then Council.

Sexual violence prevention

Sally:

- Been approached by two schools who want us to sign on with their campaigns:

- CUSA at Carleton has an Our Turn campaign about prevention, support, and advocacy. They'd like a Council motion acknowledging rape culture and a monetary contribution. They have a 19-step program.
- The UVSS at UVic has a Let's Get Consensual campaign they've been doing for several years.

[Pooja arrives.]

Sally:

- Traditionally, our SASC (Sexual Assault Support Centre) runs a campaign in partnership with UBC. There's Sexual Assault Awareness Month every January and also an upcoming campaign in September.
- The other schools are flexible; we don't have to sign on to all their steps.
- Plan to talk to SASC first, then go to the Advocacy Committee.
- Carleton has a scorecard/metrics on sexual violence policy, and they'd like us to do a survey.

Provost meeting

- Meeting with new Provost next week.
- Alan away, but other VP's will attend.
- Jakob will touch base with the other VP's.

Sugar Sweetened Beverage

Alan:

- Council was talking last time about rescinding the old policy prohibiting us from entering exclusive cold beverage agreements.
- Now we're hearing that UBC is talking about removing certain sweetened beverages from campus.
- I will inquire about this.
- Meanwhile what is our feeling about sweetened beverages?

Discussion:

- Alim: It's hard to believe UBC would do that, given how much money it brings in for them.
- Marium: It may be less an anti-sugar thing than an attempt to get rid of plastic and just have fountain drinks.
- Alim: If the rest of campus is not selling soda, we would sell a lot.
- Alan: There might be exceptions for places like Triple O's.

Ombuds MoU

- Alan:
 - The UBCO students were asking what sort of MoU we have with the University Ombudsoffice.
 - We have a four-year-old unsigned one.
 - We had a referendum which approved a fee for Ombuds services in 2012; the referendum did not specify that the money collected would go to UBC, but the proposed MoU would have done that.
- Keith: That's why we didn't sign it.
- Alan: Maybe we could agree to send them what we collect less the cost of our own Ombudsperson.
- Sally: Who is paying now?
- Alan:
 - Currently, we send them the whole fee, but the University must be contributing additional funding.
 - There is an oversight committee on which we have two members.
 - And we have other interaction.
- Mariam: The Advocacy Coordinator works with them.
- Sally: We want accountability.
- Alan: I will propose that we pay them the fee less the cost for us to maintain the AMS Ombudsperson.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.