



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

### AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 1, 2017

#### **Attendance**

Present: Sally Lin (VP External), Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance), Jakob Gattinger (interim VP Academic, by phone, from 10:10), Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration, by phone), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am with Sally in the chair.

#### **Agenda**

- The agenda was approved (Alim, Sally).

#### **Minutes**

- The minutes of July 25 were approved (Pooja, Alim).

#### **Meeting with new Provost**

Sally:

- Meeting with Andrew Szeri went well.
- He was very welcoming and is open to monthly meetings with us.
- Issues discussed included:
  - Excellence Fund
  - Tuition consultation procedures
  - Student Life Building
  - Housing
- He said he wants to hear our concerns and invited the AMS to provide feedback on topics of interest to us.
- I invited him to SUDS.
- When Alan and Jakob are in town, they want to meet with him in person too.

Kelsi:

- He has had his first briefings on sexual violence and First Nations, which is heartening.

Jakob entered the meeting and said:

- It was a good start. The new Provost seems receptive to students.
- We will be updating our guide to AMS concerns as a result, adding some text.

### Executives on UBC Committees

- Jakob: Would like us to look at the appointments: who is on which committee. The VP Academic should be handling the bulk of this work. Also, there are some omissions on the list sent to Council.
- Sally: Let's save this till Alan gets back, and then we can discuss why we structured things the way we did.

### Goals

Alim:

- New bank card system. Switching over in mid-October.
- Attended CiTR board meeting and saw their strategic plan. Want to do that for all the organizations we collect fees for.
- Moving to Interac transfers, away from cheques.
- Communications plan re our health and dental plan and Shoppers Drug Mart:
  - Videos, posters to let students know about the plan, which is under-utilized because of lack of knowledge.
  - Re the free vaccinations offered by Shoppers: We've asked them to tell the students that 70% of the cost is paid for by the AMS.

Pooja:

- Wellness Week: finalizing plans.
- Operations Committee has received some policies from Governance Committee; we've looked at them; not sure if they go back to Governance.
- Working on bookings policy.
- Meeting with UBC and UBC Properties Trust about the Old SUB, making clear our agenda about timeline and costs.
- Art Gallery hiring.
- Receiving applications for my assistant position.
- Sustainability team meeting with President Ono.
- Nest animation underway.
- Looking at Lighter Footprint Strategy. May change the name to reflect more of a socio-economic emphasis.

Sally:

- Chatted with SASC about the two sexual violence initiatives:
  - Ideas for amendments to the Our Turn document.
  - The Advocacy Committee supported them.
  - Getting them ready for Council.

- Will mean the creation of a task force.
  - This will be good in guiding conversations with the University.
- The Advocacy Committee is working on terms of reference for its caucuses and rubrics for appointments.
- Attending the Union of BC Municipalities conference in September. Andrew Weaver and the Minister of Housing will be attending.
- SUDS (August 18-21):
  - There are now 131 delegates registered; it will be hectic (but good).
  - Final banquet will see 160 people, including Execs and other additional guests.
  - Space has been an issue. Unable to invite Councillors.
  - Maybe next year we will make the delegate ceiling lower (10 less) and then have room for Councillors.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.