THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of August 22, 2017

Attendance
Present: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Sally Lin (VP External), Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance), Jakob Gattinger (interim VP Academic, from 10:11-10:32), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager, arrived 10:54), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

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

Agenda
- The agenda was approved by consensus.

SUDS Debrief
Sally (in a whisper because she lost her voice):
- SUDS was great, even though I lost my voice. Thanks to all the Execs for helping out.
- Going to do a survey on what worked and what didn’t.

Alan:
- Well-run conference. Kudos to you and Evan and Isabella.
- Food (from AMS Catering) was great.
- Great sessions, like Lev Bukhman’s on lessons learned from being a student executive.
- Calling in from afar didn’t work too well (technical difficulties).
- Presentations should be reviewed ahead of time to make sure they apply to student unions.
- Good discussions.

Sally (still whispering):
- Maybe have a break-out session instead of one of the keynotes.
- And use the performance theatre.
[Jakob arrives.]

Alim:
- Building tours are a good way to learn. We should make sure all the schools get one.

**Advisory Board**
- Jakob: Where are we with hiring?
- Alan:
  - Peter Guo of MNP Consulting has agreed to sit as a professional member.
  - We’ve interviewed students.
  - We haven’t found any other external professionals.
- Jakob: Maybe we should involve Louise Cowin (UBC’s VP Students).
- There was opposition to that idea.
- Alan: Lots of discussion about what to do with the board, including maybe just get rid of it.
- Jakob: No, let’s not do that.
- Alan: Question about why there’s not a student majority on the board.
- Jakob: Let’s go back to AlumniUBC. We need someone who understands UBC.
- Alan: Peter thought there should be lots of young professionals who would be interested.
- Kelsi: We can use LinkedIn to find them.
- Keith: One issue is that applicants think they’re getting to sit on our board of directors, not just an advisory board, and then they’re disappointed.

**SVPRO (Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office)**
- Alan: Discussing putting the SVPRO into the GSS space in the Nest. Maybe not ideal for the long term, but a reasonable interim measure.
- Sally (whispering):
  - The SVPRO is a University body that UBC has been mandated to create.
  - It will provide similar services to SASC, but will be able to forward reports to UBC to get academic support for those needing it, and also leading to discipline.
- Issue of whether faculty and staff will come to a student building, but the VP Students Office apparently is in favour.
- Alan: This is going to be a good resource for students.

[Jakob leaves.]

- Alan:
  - There’s a larger conversation to be had about UBC and the AMS both providing services, a conversation about integrating services, working together and not competing.
The AMS has to advocate for this office to be as effective as possible.

- Sally: The AMS should have a seat on its board.
- Alan: I’ve been promised that.
- Sally: We need to work on communication about the two spaces (SASC and SVPRO).

**Updates**

Sally (whispering):

- SUDS.
- Melanie Mark, the Minister of Advanced Education, is coming to campus.
- MP Joyce Murray visited.

Alim:

- Quarterly report to Council.
- Code changes about funds.
- Fee restructure.
- Meeting the UBC VP Finance.
- Talking with Lori (Communications Manager) to advertise our funds, to let students know they can get funding from us. The funds are not being used enough.

Alan:

- Rebranding the outlets:
  - Palate is becoming The Grove.
  - The Burger Bar will now be Moonies.
  - Upper Case will be the Blue Chip Cafe.
  - The Mexican outlet will be Iwana Taco.
  - Construction is underway.
- Council agenda.
- Workshops and outreach for Jumpstart and the RHA.
- Finished speech for the pep rally.
- Coming up in September:
  - Alumni Advising Committee.
  - MacInnes Field Parkade consultation.
  - Old SUB project budget.

Pooja (read by Sally in a whisper):

- Clubs and Societies working group is working on appeals.
- Wellness Week.
- Hiring assistant.
- Talking to Land & Food about their clubs.
- Meeting the GSS about Sprouts space.
- Operations Committee is making the media protocol into an Internal Policy.
• Problems with Mugshare project.

[Marium arrives.]

Marium:
• Gave Residence Coordinators a tour of Services.
• The Services have completed their summer goals.
• Compiling list of campus partners.
• Writing report to UBC’s VP Students about Safewalk funding.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.