



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

### AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 7, 2017

#### **Attendance**

Present: Ava Nasiri (President), Samantha So (VP Academic), Louis Retief (VP Finance), Chris Scott (VP Administration), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Kathleen Simpson (VP External), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 pm.

#### **Agenda**

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

#### **Minutes**

- The minutes of February 14 and 28 were approved (Chris, Sam).

#### **Vote Party (for the Referendum)**

- Ava:
  - 5 pm in the offices today. Raffle, pizza.
  - We've plastered the building and the Safewalk car with posters. Also posters elsewhere on campus.
  - Handing out lemons and library care packages. The idea: When Life Gives You a Lemon, vote Yes in the Referendum.
  - The residences have been done.

#### **Book**

- Ava: Had a chat with the publisher and we're good to go. They will publish for us, cover the costs.
- Louis: But we pay for the printing.
- Sheldon: No, they pay all the expenses; they're doing this for us for free, and we get 15% of the net profits. They hope to make money on it.
- Louis: That's fantastic.
- Discussion of whether we can do one giant book to display in the Atrium. Publisher can't, but maybe our design people can.

MOVED LOUIS, SECONDED CHRIS:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the contract with Heritage House to publish the AMS history book.”

... Carried

### **Old SUB**

- Chris:
  - Struggle with the budget. Have to make decisions on cutting down on luxury items.
  - We’re trying our absolute hardest to make sure everyone is taken care, but it’s not easy.
  - Demolition has started. We need plans done by May 1. Construction will take eight months.
  - Development permit requires us to come up with 96 bike racks that the University initially agreed to supply. That’s another issue. Will be expensive.
  - And Campus & Community Planning is requiring us to build 8 showers even though LEED only requires us to have one. We take issue with this because there will be about 60 showers within 100 meters of the Nest.
  - John Metras and Properties Trust had a meeting on this which we were not allowed to attend.
- Ava: We should protest this.

### **RBC motion**

- Keith: The bank needs Council to pass a resolution about the interest rate swap.

MOVED LOUIS, SECONDED CHRIS:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the RBC interest rate swap agreement as presented.”

... Carried

### **Global Fund MoU**

- Louis: The MoU needs renewal. They sent us one that is the same as last time’s.
- Ava: We could pass it now to send it to Council, and if anyone has any objections between now and Friday, we can pull it and re-examine.

MOVED AVA, SECONDED SAM:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the Global Fund MoU as presented.”

... Carried

### Safewalk and the VP Students

- Hussam:
  - Based on recommendations from the Services Review, Safewalk will only be using one car moving forward; this change will be enacted before the new team comes on.
  - There was a commitment by the UBC VP Students Office to support Safewalk back in 2015. Part of that support included the purchasing of a second UBC-owned car, although there still remain promised finances that the AMS has not asked for.
  - We should engage in a conversation with Louise (Louise Cowin, the VP Students) about greater ongoing financial subsidization of the Service.
- Chris: Why not two cars anymore?
- Hussam:
  - It was costly. There was misuse. And it didn't actually help speed up transports.
  - Safewalk remains our most expensive service, at \$135,000 a year.
- Ava:
  - Safewalk ties up lots of our funding. We could use the money to make sure we can maintain all our services.
  - Maybe we can combine our asks.
- Discussion of asks:
  - SASC
  - Safewalk
  - Showers and bike racks
  - Food trucks
  - Co-op credit for AMS Executives.
- It was decided that the showers and bike racks ask should be separate. Other separate issues:
  - Career Services improvements
  - The Rec building and the Rec fee.
- **Action Item: Execs to draft one-pagers on the asks for next week's meeting.**

### Transitions and Ternaries

- Louis: It's getting to transition time. Time to start writing our reports.
- Ava: Governance Review has recommended changing the system of Executive ternaries. There would be one joint report for all Execs instead of separate reports.
- Louis: Maybe there should be an Executive Committee transition report, a how-to guide for the Executive collectively.
- Ava: Let's set up a workshop to prepare that. Maybe next Thursday.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.