



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 14, 2017

Attendance

Present: Ava Nasiri (President), Samantha So (VP Academic), Louis Retief (VP Finance), Chris Scott (VP Administration), Kathleen Simpson (VP External), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Keith Hester (Managing Director)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes

- The minutes of March 7 were approved (Sam, Chris).

Executive Transitions

- Ava:
 - Friday will be our workshop day to work on these. We should brainstorm about what makes us a good team.
 - Creating an Executive Team Bonding Handbook.
 - Working on final ternary: a compilation of ternaries, reporting our updates on our individual goals. Also team-wide goals.

Meeting with Louise Cowin (VP Students)

- Ava: Issues to raise include Safewalk, Food Trucks, and Athletics.

Safewalk

- Hussam:
 - At other schools, the university runs the safewalk program or contributes financially to it.
 - UBC paid us \$100,000 in 2013-14 after the rash of sexual assault incidents.
 - Then they paid for a car.

- Safewalk usage rates are higher now and we're no longer using the car, so it's time to revisit the conversation.
- Ava: We should do a comparison of costs from before the sexual assaults to now, and the difference is what we can ask for.
- **Action Item: Louis and Hussam to work on the cost comparison.**

Food Trucks

- Ava: We're asking UBC not to put them in at all around the Nest. We're discussing what exactly is our space, negotiating on this.
- Chris: When the Old SUB opens, it will have three more food outlets. There's a lot of competition that is hurting us.
- Ava: We will have more conversations on this.

Athletics

- Louis:
 - Issues concerning the fee and funding.
 - Also the new facility.
- Chris: Need to make sure the facility remains a fitness facility.
- Other issues: student access to bookings, price of bookings, representation on the project committee and in long-term management.

Other issues

- Chris: A look at bookings across campus.
- Kathleen: Issue of whether students who work in certain University departments can also work for the AMS.

Storm the Wall

- Kathleen suggested the Executive enter a team.
- The Executive agreed.

Referendum

- Ava:
 - Governance Review held a meeting after the referendum passed.
 - We should get the Investment Policy ready for Council.
- Louis: It's done.
- Ava: Art sale: should we create an ad hoc committee?
- Chris: I can have someone on my team work on this first and we can create the committee later.
- Discussion of whether committee should come first.
- Ava: I can put together a terms of reference for next week.

Services Code change

- Hussam: These stem from the recommendations Council approved in principle.

MOVED KATHLEEN, SECONDED LOUIS:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve Code changes entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Student Services’.”

... Carried

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.