



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 21, 2017

Attendance

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

Regrets: Samantha So (VP Academic)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes

- The minutes of March 14 were approved as corrected (Louis, Kathleen).

Business Budget 2017-18

Keith:

- ABBA is not functioning, so the budget will come here and then to Finance Committee and then Council.
- Business contribution for 2017-18 is forecast to be \$766,432, up from what we budgeted last year.
- Revisions to our businesses to move with the times and because UBC is opening 12 new outlets.

AVP Administration

- Chris: Discussion at HR Committee. Sustainability on lots of UBC committees. Right now we have a Sustainability Manager, but looking to have an AVP.

MOVED CHRIS, SECONDED LOUIS:

“That an AVP Sustainability position be created.”

... Carried

Global Fund

- Louis: MoU sent out. They want us to re-sign. They're invested in this. We collect a fee for this. The money is going to a good place.
- Hussam: How would this be affected if there's a fee restructuring?
- Louis: The MoU is cancelled if the fee goes away.,

MOVED LOUIS, SECONDED KATHLEEN:

"That the Executive recommend to Council that it approve the Global Fund MoU."

... Carried

Executive Transition

- When should we start bringing the newly elected Execs to Exec Committee?
- Ava: Let's start inviting them now, but leave it up to them whether they attend until the last two meetings in April. It will be good if they attend those.

Letter

- Ava:
 - Sent letter to President Ono about our concerns over the exclusion of elected student representatives from the University's Steering Committee for a Strategic Plan.
 - No response from him, just from one of his advisors, who told us that two UBC Vancouver and two UBCO students have been named: students at large.
- Louis:
 - What process did they use? We need to open up the process.
 - How does the Faculty Association feel about this? They also didn't get any representatives.
- Discussion of options to pursue now. Going public, going to the Board of Governors? It was agreed that first Ava would write another email to President Ono.

BDS

- Ava: Court order to hold the referendum the week of April 3, which breaks our bylaws, but it's a court order. The court hearing will be March 27 or 28th. All parties are on board.

Student Services

- Hussam: Hiring complete. Marium Hamid will be my successor.

Storm the Wall

- Kathleen: Need to finalize roster. We should practice going over the wall.

UBC Website

- Hussam: Meeting Janet Teasdale (UBC Student Development) about their website.
- Chris: Link it to Clubhouse and the Art Gallery.

[Chris and Hussam left, 1:45]

Another letter

- Kathleen: NDP MLA David Eby has offered to write a letter to university presidents about housing that we could publish.
- The Executive thought this was a good idea.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.