



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 30, 2017

Attendance

Present: Ava Nasiri (President, arrived 12:45), Louis Retief (VP Finance), Chris Scott (VP Administration), Kathleen Simpson (VP External), Alan Ehrenholz (President-elect), 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 12:35 pm with Louis in the chair.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Chris, Kathleen).

Minutes

- The minutes of March 21 and 24 were deferred.

eHub

- Hussam: Met with UBC; hoping they'll fund part of the service.

Food Bank

- Hussam: Enrolment Services reached out to us about students who are food insecure. Looking to see about getting them access to Food Bank.

Constituency Reps on Council

- Louis: How can we assist with the plan to get a standardized turnover date for Constituency reps on Council?
- Alan: This is important to help build a team dynamic. To do with orientation, but not just orientation.

[Ava arrived and took the chair.]

- Louis: HR did a great job at orientation last year, but then we lost people who had been oriented.

- Ava: We had three meetings of the Presidents Council. All the Constituencies had a chance to give feedback, but only two did. I'll send them another email, then we're just going to do this (establish a standardized turnover date).
- Louis: We need to assist Jakob (Jakob Gattinger, chair of the Governance Review Implementation Committee) in the process of amending the Constituencies' constitutions (to set a standardized date).
- Ava: For some (Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing), their timelines don't align with ours.
- Alan: We can informally make some exceptions.
- Ava: Aaron and I should work on details of an action plan.

CSI

- Hussam:
 - Working on MoU with them.
 - Phasing out Volunteer Avenue.
 - CSI wants our documents. That's fair.
 - They also want not to be charged for expanded bookings in the Nest because they'll be taking over from Volunteer Avenue.
- The consensus was that this would be granted, but only once a term for a volunteer event (the Volunteer Fair). Not for other things.

Recreation Facility

- Ava: Sticking to the points we raised with Louise (VP Students Louise Cowin).
- **Action Item: Louis and Ava to meet with UBC re the Recreation Facility and report back to Exec.**

Speaker

- Abdul is leaving. We will get him a gift. Posting his position.

UBC Steering Committee

- Ava: Met and told them it was unfair (that the AMS didn't get a seat on the committee).
- Alan: Emma Cunliffe (senior advisor to UBC President Ono) was apologetic and said she would work with us to provide information, but she was not really willing to have us provide advice.
- Ava:
 - They chose students for the committee by consulting faculty members. Louise told them to have a seat for the AMS, but they didn't.
 - The Faculty Association also did not get to name a rep.
 - We are just going to let this be to maintain our relationships.

- Alan: We did make clear we were unhappy. We said there should have been at least one elected student representative (from the AMS). There could be other students too, but ...
- Ava: Let's make a final end of year report at the Board of Governors, saying this process is unacceptable. We're not going to demand to be on this committee, but we expect in future that more thought be put into such things. We're also doing an interview with the Ubysey.
- Chris: This is the committee we need to be on.
- Alan: There will be opportunities for us to provide input. I don't see how we can get a seat on the committee.
- Ava: This way we can preserve our status as a higher body: not just one seat on a 30-member committee. We will submit an intensive and in-depth document, including our concerns with the process. And we are meeting with Louise and Santa.

BDS

- Ava:
 - We got what we wanted. The court ruled that holding this referendum is within our jurisdiction and is our right. The question is clear and follows our processes and procedures.
 - This will have a long-term benefit. It sets us up well for future referendums.

Free Speech Club

- Chris: They want to hold a Blasphemathon attacking religions right outside the Nest. This is Nest property. Do we have an obligation not to allow it? They've held two previous events.
- Ava: They're an unauthorized group demonstrating on AMS property. It's misuse of a space operated by us. We need a policy on this, on groups intending to interact with the public.

Annual Report (from the Executive)

- Ava: One page from each of you to go into the report. This is in place of the old ternaries.

Last Council

- Ava: Let's make the last Council meeting rad. Maybe a tropical night. Also we have AMS sweaters.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.