AMS Annual General Meeting Minutes
Monday October 31, 2016
Great Hall in the Student Nest
(12:00 – 1:30 pm)

Call to order – Ava Nasiri
The meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm. Quorum was not present.

AMS Presidential Address – Ava Nasiri
- We’re required to do an AGM.
- We only achieved quorum once in recent years, two years ago when UBC upped tuition and housing prices.

AMS Executive Updates – AMS Executives and Student Services Manager

VP External Affairs – Kathleen Simpson
- I advocate to the government and work with other student organizations.
- Have been working on an affordability campaign.
- Also working on a long term extension of the U-Pass and a “Rent with Rights” campaign. The Residential Tenancy Act doesn’t cover student housing.
- Working to champion the vote for the upcoming provincial elections: aiming for 70% turnout by students.

VP Administration – Chris Scott
- I look after the building(s), clubs, and sustainability.
- We are looking for options for the SUB basement renovations: the AMS is retaining control of part of the Old SUB basement.
- Looking at new club software.
- Nest Animation Project to make the building student-friendly and create community.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Samantha So
- I am involved in advocacy too: I advocate to the University.
- Working on a textbook broke campaign (open educational resources) and on consultations about barriers for students.
- Working on joint campaigns with Kathleen, the VP External.
- To know what students want, we conduct the Academic Experience Survey.
- Sexual assault policy campaign.
- Looking at a new “Connect” for course management software.
- Another issue: mandatory syllabi.

VP Finance – Louis Retief
- I work with the Managing Director concerning the financial health of the Society.
- I do the budget.
• Working on AMS credit cards, financial structure, and new clubs software.
• Looking at changes to our rules for funds and business metrics.
• Changes to the Gallery and the Pit.

**Student Services Manager – Hussam Zbeeb**
• I look after all our Services.
• Safewalk: We’ve reintroduced walking teams: using the football team as Safewalkers; also looking at other sports teams.
• New service: Vice, a service dealing with addiction.
• Looking at an Incubator service for student entrepreneurs.
• Doing a review of the Services – would love your input.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
• Last year’s financial performance was below the previous year's, but Peko Peko and Upper Case did well.
• We’ve done two restructurings to save student money.
• We closed two outlets (Lower Case and the Perch) which weren’t performing up to expectations.
• We relaunched the Gallery, a feature of the old building.
• We also reintroduced bubble tea.

**Questions**
• Student: The Upper Case lines are too long. Some people just want coffee: could there be a quick place for coffee only?
  • Keith Hester: Great idea. We’re trying to make improvements to the lines, but I’m totally on board with the suggestion of something just for coffee.
  • Ava Nasiri: Last year there was a suggestion for a rolling coffee cart.
• Student: Maybe just have an express line if you’re buying just coffee or one item.
• Ava Nasiri: It’s possible to order online.

**President – Ava Nasiri**
• Opened the Gallery in July.
• SLSC opened in September.
• UBC has agreed to provide additional fitness space in the Old SUB. Expected next year.
• Housing rights campaign launched.
• Frost Fest in January: winter classic hockey game.
• Block Party.

1. **MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED SALLY LIN:**

   “That the Alma Mater Society Membership accept the President's and the General Manager's Annual Report as presented.”

   ... Carried
2. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED ALEXEI PAISH:

“That the Alma Mater Society Membership accept the Auditor’s Report on the Financial Statements as of October 13, 2016 for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016, as presented.”

“That the Society approve the Financial Statements as of April 30, 2016.”

Ava Nasiri:
- We collect student fees and receive revenue from the student-run outlets in the Nest.
- We’re responsible for the Nest and run services for students.
- AMS Council is the decision-making body for the Society.
- We support clubs.

Louis Retief:
- We collect $20 million in fees and get $640,000 in business revenue.
- The two biggest sources of that revenue are the Health and Dental Plan fee and the building fee.
- Most of the money is non-discretionary: there are fixed places it must go.
- Discretionary funding from fees is about $2 million. If you add the business revenue, that brings what we have available to spend to about $3 million.
- In this year’s budget the expenditures go here:
  - Executive 20%
  - Services 20%
  - Events 9%
  - Student Government 13%
  - Communications 8%
  - Administration 28%.
- The money is funnelled into what students need and want.

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4. MOVED BRADLEY BATALON, SECONDED YVONNE SUN:

"That the D&H Group be retained as the Auditors for the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia Vancouver for the ensuing fiscal year."

- Keith Hester: They’re good auditors.
- Abdul Alnaar: How many years have we used them?
- Keith Hester: 12 years.
- Abdul Alnaar: Isn’t it typical to switch auditors every three or four years?
Keith Hester: The AMS is a horribly complicated organization. Changing auditors would be difficult. And they’re very good.

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6. MOVED __________________, SECONDED __________________

"That AMS Council be mandated to determine the feasibility and implementation of Toonie Tuesdays for beer in the Nest."

This motion could not be moved due to the lack of quorum, but there was a discussion.

Samantha So:
- We tried $2 pints in the Pit a few years ago, but there were business problems with that and also problems with the liquor laws.

Alexei Paish:
- I don’t think this strikes the right note.
- I would be concerned if this was the student union priority.
- We should promote responsible drinking: very cheap drinks may not be responsible.
- I would worry about our image.
- And would this take away from Pit Night?

Ava Nasiri:
- We could instead revamp Karaoke Tuesdays.

Alexei Paish:
- Maybe do Toonie Tuesdays for food, not alcohol.
- That would also be more inclusive, for non-drinkers.

Guest:
- No food in the Pit?

Keith Hester:
- We’re going to bring the Flipside food menu to the Pit.

Ava Nasiri:
- Maybe we could do food and drink deals.

Other Discussions

Funds
Ava Nasiri:
- We’ve introduced an AMS Endowment Fund to create stability.
There's an issue about opting out of the AMS.

Guest:
- Wouldn't that change the nature of the AMS?

Ava Nasiri:
- We'd have to deal with that when it comes.
- We might turn into a large club rather than a student society.

**Commuter Bus**

Ava Nasiri:
- We have considered purchasing a commuter bus, but it would be a waste of money, with complicated logistics.
- We should pay off this building and put other money into existing services.

**Club Consultations**

Ava Nasiri:
- Trying to hold a networking event each semester.
- SLSC will have more open area for hanging out.

7. **MOVED ____________________, SECONDED ____________________**

"That all references to the position 'General Manager' be amended to 'Managing Director' in AMS Bylaws."

This motion could not be moved due to the lack of quorum.

Ava Nasiri:
- Last year we did a governance review that led to a management restructuring.
- We changed positions and titles.
- The old position of General Manager has been replaced by a Managing Director, so we need to amend our bylaws to say that.
- Since without quorum we can't make the change here, we'll remedy the discrepancy in other ways, either by amending our Code of Procedure to say that what the Bylaws call the General Manager should be understood to mean our Managing Director. Or by amending the bylaws in a referendum.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.