THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of September 13, 2017

Attendance
Present: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Sally Lin (VP External), Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance), Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration), Jakob Gattinger (interim VP Academic), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager, arrived 4 pm), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm.

Agenda
• The agenda was approved (Pooja, Alim).

Minutes
• The minutes of September 8 were approved (Alim, Sally).

Executive meeting time
• It was agreed to shift the time to 2 pm to accommodate class schedules.

AGM
• It was agreed to ask Council to have the annual general meeting take place during the week of October 16.
• Alan: No definite plans for motions. Maybe do goals updates during it. And let’s make it quorate (quorum is 515).

Council meeting
• Alan: Probably will go long. Let’s cut Executive Remarks etc.
• Jakob said he’d like to present his Executive remarks, as it would be his only chance to do so. Alan said to play it by ear.
• Still no Old SUB numbers to present, so no presentation.
Updates

Alan:
- Council retreat not happening, so we’ll do training sessions at Council.
- Strategic Plan being worked on by Emily (the new Presidential assistant).
- Homecoming.
- Trying to bring the Harlem Globetrotters to campus.
- Meeting Santa Ono and Louise Cowin about the UBC Strategic Plan.

Sally:
- Rent with Rights.
- Advocan/UCRU lobby brief.
- Our Turn is on hold.
- Caucuses (for Advocacy Committee): People applying for positions. Some confusion over previous applicants.

Pooja:
- Old SUB challenges.
- Clubs Week.
- Deconstituted about 40 clubs.
- Appeals meetings with other clubs that might be deconstituted.
- Departmental club issue: discussing with Constituencies.
- Hired an assistant.
- Art Gallery exhibit up. Good attendance (100 people) at opening.
- SLSC grand opening during Clubs Week.

Alim:
- Meeting with the President of IMANT, the University’s endowment fund, to find out how they invest. May modify our investment policy.
- Two booths at Clubs Week, promoting AMS Finance.
- Promoting our funds has been helping: we have already doubled the number of applicants.

Jakob:
- Discussions of future of teaching evaluations.
- Excellence Fund proposal.
- Alan and I are presenting to the Board of Governors.

Communications

Alan:
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- We’ll be issuing a statement about FarmAde, which we postponed.
- Responding to interview request about Vice.
- Jack Hauen (Ubyssey editor) wants to talk about tacos.
- More generally want to talk to the Ubyssey about protocol: to tell them not to expect instant answers on complicated questions; it may take three or four days.

Old SUB
- Pooja:
  - Asking questions about cost-sharing with UBC.
  - Bird numbers.
  - Norm Theatre lobby: we got that out of the budget.
  - We’re still $1.3 million over.
- Keith: But the removal of the Norm lobby saves $285,000, so the amount we’re over is down to $1.015 million.
- Jakob: That’s still a lot of money.
- Alan: Could take money from CPF (the Capital Projects Investment Fund).
- Keith: But that money is in investments; we’d have to cash in some investments.
- Alim: Could the amount even go up more?
- Alan: It goes up when we tell them to change things.

[Marium arrives.]

- Keith: It would be better if this money we are putting in was for space we know we will be holding for more than eight years. Better if the lease on the Old SUB basement etc. was in line with the lease for the Nest (the Nest lease is for 40 years).
- Alan: We can talk to UBC about it.
- Alim: They’re exploring options for the area.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.