THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 9, 2018

Attendance
Present: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration), Max Holmes (VP Academic, Sally Lin (VP External), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council and Privacy Officer)

Regrets: Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm.

Agenda
- The agenda was approved (Max, Sally).

Minutes
- The minutes of March 2, 2018 were approved (Max, Sally).

Privacy
- Sheldon will re-send the guidelines on privacy and protecting personal information.
- There have been some privacy issues lately that the guidelines address.
- There will be orientation on privacy laws during the next transition.

UBC Budget
- Max:
  o Disappointed in the short turnaround time the University gave us to comment on their budget. Hopefully that will be resolved for future years.
  o Issues we want to bring up:
    ▪ Empower Me
    ▪ Youth in Care
    ▪ Sexual Violence Response Office
  o Disappointed in the lack of detail about support for faculties.
  o We don’t think the Excellence Fund is the best source of funds for general retention of faculty. Also don’t think it should be used for maintenance etc.
Sally: We want UBC to be transparent with its budgeting process.

When Women Rise

Alan:
- Working with UBC’s Andrew Parr (Student Housing and Hospitality Services, or SHHS) on getting the statue put up.
- This is the grad class gift of 2013, but there wasn’t enough money in the gift fund to pay for it.
- The agreement is that SHHS will pay for the statue upfront, and we will pay them back, $10,000 a year.
- It was either that or kill the project. We could decide not to go forward, but we’ve already spent money, and we have the ability to do this.

Max: Where does the money come from?

Alan:
- From the annual grad class fee.
- Paying $10,000 a year will still leave $10,000 to $15,000 a year for other gifts – if the fee reduction referendum passes (if not, there will be much more).
- The statue will be in Marine Drive on a plinth paid for by SHHS.
- It will be maintained by SHHS.
- Once the agreement is approved, the statue can be up by September.

MOVED Alan, SECONDED Pooja:
“That the Executive recommend to Council that it approve the MoU for putting up the When Women Rise statue.”

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Alan: There’s also the grad class gift from 2016: a sign saying AMS Nest, to go up on the Knoll, with a time capsule under it. It will cost $10,000.

Council

Alan:
- The statue MoU and another MoU with Common Energy.
- Discussion Period topics:
  - Talking the Talk by Max.
  - Julian wants to talk about committee chairs posting agendas on the website. We can have the chairs cc the Archives, and Archives staff will post.
  - Julian says that in general students are surprised by some things at the AMS; there may be more girth to this issue.
- The Common Energy agreement gives them the same rights as a club, a guaranteed office, and money (but less than under the previous agreement), and they will have responsibilities to do with the Lighter Footprint Strategy.
U-Hub Proposal

- Alan:
  - This is the sustainability group that wanted to open a thrift store on the lower level of the Nest.
  - We’ve been looking at different options:
    - Tenant
    - AMS Service
  - Lately they’ve been talking of expanding the idea to include an art gallery and a calendar.
  - When it was just a thrift store, it was interesting, but other groups already do the other things; we have an art gallery.
  - Do we want to continue?
- Max: Other ideas for the space?
- Alan: A full-time tenant. Trying to get a nails salon.
- Keith: We do get rent for the space now, from the Delly, which is using it as a storage area.
- Marium: Liability issues if a thrift store. There was a case of charity selling things through a thrift shop, and there were bedbugs. Could lead to a lawsuit.
- Keith: They won’t launder the goods.
- Alan: It’s a concern. So the answer is No?
- Max: Unless the proposal changes.
- Alan: The only way I see this working is if we run it as a service. We would do it our way with proper hygienics.
- Marium:
  - The Bike Co-op works because they have their own fee.
  - This group said they don’t want to pursue a fee.
  - There would be a high cost to run it as our own service. We’d have to do cleaning, sorting.
- Alan: If not a service, this won’t work with them as a tenant. If not a service, then just a straight No.
- The Executive agreed with that.

Updates

- Sally: Lobbying trip with SFSS, UVSS, and ABCS.
- Marium: New Student Services Manager within three weeks.
- Alan:
  - New Executive-elect.
    - Transition meetings.
    - Looking for goals.
    - Let’s work together with them.
- Max: Bring them to your committee meetings. Staff transitions.
• Alan: Job descriptions for student staff ready for March 28.
• Max: Dual team meetings: past team and new team. Also a social event?
• Marium:
  o My team is doing transition reports for next SSM.
  o When I came in as SSM, the previous SSM took me to meetings.
• Alan: If all the new Execs come to Exec meetings, it will be too crowded.
• Max: Could invite a different new Exec to each meeting.
• Sheldon: I can send out what Code requires for transition.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.