Attendance
Present: Marium Hamid (President), Chris Hakim (VP Administration), Max Holmes (VP Academic), Cristina Ilnitchi (VP External), Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance), Piers Fleming (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Keith Hester (Managing Director)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm.

Agenda
• The agenda was approved (Max, Kuol).

Minutes
• The minutes of May 15 were approved (Max, Cristina).

Goals
• Marium:
  o Received some but not all goals.
  o Great if can receive them all by tomorrow so we can look at them and send them to the senior manager, which will be Keith.
  o Finish by this Wednesday so they can go on the Council agenda.
  o Get presentation done on weekend.
• Kuol: Someone will have to present on my behalf, since I won’t be at Council.
• Marium: Let’s meet an hour before Council to go over the presentation and the agenda.

Budget
• Kuol: Expenses increasing, revenues the same, so our net is lower.
• Chris: Why? Wage increases?
• Kuol: Adding two senior managers. Or we could just hire one now and the other later.
• Max: Not sure it would be good to hire one halfway through the year if we need them now, and it would only be a temporary solution, putting off the problem till next year.
- Marium:  
  o Looking at hiring in September, so it will be nine months, not a full year.  
  o It may take that long anyway because we’re going through a recruitment agency.  
  o September is when Services pick up; can’t hire a Services Manager later.  
- Kuol: We need to have a discussion and look at the finances.

Credit cards
- Kuol:  
  o Setting up training for the Executives for the new credit card.  
  o Also for club treasurers, but first we want to get feedback from the Execs.  
- Marium: Ready for September?  
- Kuol: This summer.  
- Chris:  
  o We’re creating club statuses:  
    ▪ Probationary (for clubs on probation for committing violations)  
    ▪ New (for clubs in their first six months)  
    ▪ Good standing.  
  o Credit cards should only go to clubs in good standing.  
- Piers: What are the criteria for clubs to be in good standing.  
- Chris: We’re building a system for things like missing deadlines.

Committees
- Steering:  
  - Marium:  
    ▪ Waiting for committees to meet to choose their vice-chairs.  
    ▪ Asking committees to send their goals for Steering to review.  
    ▪ Many committees have not met yet.  
- HR and Finance:  
  - Motions from both on the Council agenda, pending approval by the committees.  
- HR:  
  - Marium:  
    ▪ Please send JD’s to HR.  
    ▪ Appointment of Speaker.  
    ▪ Ombuds JD approval.  
    ▪ Other JD’s from the Executive.  
    ▪ Wage changes.  
- Finance:  
  - CPF funding for the new Point of Sale software system.  
  - Budget.  
- Health and Dental:  
  - Marium: Kuol and I will meet with the GSS.
Constituencies

- Chris:
  - Looking at the ad hoc committee report on AMS-Constituency relations.
  - Want to figure out what they will look like: governance issues.
  - We don’t have much in the way of binding documents or policies.
  - Governance Committee was supposed to take it on last year.
  - Do we want to be more hands on or hands off?
  - Want to make sure the Constituencies feel the AMS is useful to them.
  - They’re event-based; we’re operational.
  - Do we want to change governance?
- Marium: Weren’t the report’s recommendations carried out?
  - Chris:
    - Yes, the only one left is Constituency metrics.
    - And the Elections Administrator recommended we be more hands-on in Constituency elections.
- Marium:
  - Presidents Council will meet on this.
  - Some Constituencies are happy the way things are; some want more.
- Sheldon: There is Code on the Constituency metrics. I can send it.
- Chris: What do we feel are the important issues?
  - Max:
    - Making sure they’re involved in advocacy: campaigns reaching out to them.
    - Even last year I think we did a pretty good job.
    - On the governance side, I’d disagree with some things: for elections, I think we should let them do their own thing. Independence should be treasured.
    - As Marium said, every Constituency is different: some would say we’re telling them what to do. Some want more.
    - The Constituency Handbook was good.
- Marium: Could send a survey to Constituencies: see if there are any patterns.
- Kuol: I want to meet the VP Finances of the Constituencies and the treasurers of the big clubs about credit cards, transition, policy.
- Piers: Good idea to meet the relevant VP’s in the Constituencies.
- Chris: For some of us, it’s better to meet the Constituency presidents.
- Marium: What is the function of the Constituency Handbook?
  - Chris:
    - Just information, not rules. How elections run, how to do finances, an information directory.
    - Not saying this is how we govern you; it’s how we support you.
    - Guidelines.
    - What are the bigger issues?
• Marium: Financial oversight is a big one; there’s financial liability for the AMS.

Policies
• Max:
  o Musqueam Communication Policy: not sure who should be consulted when communicating with Musqueam.
    ▪ Now it says just the Policy Advisor, but want to change it to say it can be either the Policy Advisor or the Executive Committee. (There’s no Policy Advisor now.)
  o Lots of policies are up for review.
  o Do we want more policies? Less?
  o On Indigenous advocacy? Campus Plan?
  o Do we want to say more or leave flexibility for future Executives?
• Marium: Don’t need one for every issue, but for certain things.
• Action Item: Sheldon to send the Internal Policies to the Executive. Max to send the External Policies.

Updates
• Piers:
  o All Services are moving well.
  o Budget going up $40,000, so cutting costs.
  o Seeking new partnerships, e.g. Food Bank partnerships.
  o Producing a package for potential sponsors.
  o Concerned about social media presence: individual groups are promoting themselves (e.g., the Pit and other outlets), but we need an overall AMS presence: we need to get people to our page; we shouldn’t be competing with our own outlets. We should be telling the outlets what they can do.
• Marium:
  o Cristina and Max are looking at the Policy Advisor applicants.
  o For Communications Manager, Keith and I have met a lot of agencies.
  o A lot of hiring is happening.
• Cristina:
  o Sent submission on the Millennium Line/Broadway extension.
  o Brief on review of the Copyright Act in relation to Open Access.
  o Prepping for municipal elections in October: get out the vote campaign.
  o SEEDS projects on transit and mental health.
• Piers:
  o T-shirts for Orientation:
    ▪ New AMS logo?
    ▪ Navy instead of blue?
    ▪ Pocket?
• Marium: Need to see mock-ups.
• Cristina: “We Got Your Back”: I like that slogan.
• Marium: We should have one slogan, not several.
• Piers: Need to clarify what each of our Services does, and also clarify all mental health services on campus, ours and UBC’s.
• Kuol:
  o For club transactions, want clubs to be able to see more than just their balances; they should be able to see the transactions.
• Chris:
  o Met Campus Vibe, who host the Clubhouse website.
    ▪ Making feature updates; one about club elections. By December.
    ▪ Do we want to change the url to include “ams”? [The Executive said yes.]
  o Sustainability:
    ▪ SEEDS projects about clubs being more sustainable in the new UBC Life building.
    ▪ Mug Share in our outlets.
    ▪ Reshaping the Lighter Footprint working group into a subcommittee.
  o Art Gallery/Nest animation: $3,000 to play with.
  o UBC Life Building: completion date now will be July 17 (not July 15).
• Max:
  o Interview requests about UBC’s Policy 131 on sexual violence: article coming out soon in the Ubyssey.
  o Sexual Violence Prevention and Respectful Environment Policy working group (SVPREP) is going to meet.
  o Getting my committees to meet.
  o Did cost of learning materials presentation to Senate.
  o UBC’s Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office (SVPRO): communications for them: pins and wrist bands saying “I believe you.”
  o Met the new Board of Governors secretary, who’s amazing.
  o Involved in interviews for hiring new UBC VP’s.
• Marium: Media requests, but we haven’t done our media training yet.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.