THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 12, 2018

Attendance
Present: Marium Hamid (President), Chris Hakim (VP Administration), Max Holmes (VP Academic & University Affairs), Piers Fleming (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance), Cristina Ilnitchi (VP External), Jason Tockman (Policy Advisor)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:11 pm.

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

Minutes
• The minutes of June 5 were approved (Chris, Max).

Budget
• Keith:
  o Second meeting of Finance Committee this evening.
  o Last week the committee reviewed the Events budget; spent two hours just on that.
  o This evening everything else.
  o Trying to finish so we can submit to Council on Friday the 15th.
  o Problem with scheduling: most committee members not available except in the evening, so we can’t meet until 6 pm.
• Marium: It will be nice if Execs go to the meeting or make themselves available by phone.

SASC
• Marium:
  o Changing landscape of sexual violence services on campus.
Under UBC’s Policy 131 there is now a Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office (SVPRO).
This has made us start thinking of the effect on SASC (the AMS’s Sexual Assault Support Centre).
Policy 131 mandates SVPRO to be the only body applying for accommodation and concessions related to sexual assault.
This means SASC’s support work can’t be as extensive as before.
We had already wanted SASC to focus more on outreach, with support services being provided by SVPRO.
But we’ll come up with a strong referral program to ensure that survivors receive accommodation and long-term support, hospital accompaniments, help with appeals, etc.
This is going to be a long conversation, but by September we’d like to restructure SASC to make it focus on advocacy, outreach, and education.
We’ll need to amend Code, which is already out of date concerning SASC.

- Max:
  - What options will there be for those uncomfortable seeking support from SVPRO?
  - There will have to be a transition period.
  - We need to communicate to survivors before going public with this.

- Marium:
  - SVPRO doesn’t have someone to help survivors navigate the system.
  - SASC will still have a role there.
  - SASC will work with clubs and Constituencies.

**Hiring**

- Keith:
  - Hired Jason as Policy Advisor.
  - Interviewing for HR Manager, who will then hire the HR Generalist.
  - Search on for Senior Manager of Student Services.
  - Interviews for Communications Manager on June 28.
  - Ombuds interviews are being scheduled.

- Piers:
  - Thinking of hiring a volunteers team.
  - Not for one particular service, but available for all the services to use.

- Marium:
  - Good idea. They’ll get to know all the services.
  - Can you use current volunteers now working for the services?

- Piers: Could do that.
- Piers also asked about getting a Facebook page for this group.
- Marium: Wait till we declutter our social media.
Food Bank donations

- Piers:
  - Did a presentation to Food & Beverage.
  - We can’t do point-of-sale roundups with the current POS system; maybe with the new POS.
  - Concern about frequent customers being asked every day to donate $1 to the Food Bank; may annoy them.
  - Maybe just do it for one month.
  - Maybe have a special at the Gallery, with a portion going to Food Bank.

- Keith: The bottom line of everything goes via the Endowment Fund to the Services.

- Piers: But this would be more direct: a direct contribution to the Food Bank.

Ben Shapiro

- Max:
  - The UBC Free Speech Club has invited Ben Shapiro to speak on campus on October 31.
  - He has made statements that could be construed as racist.
  - There’s a letter campaign saying he shouldn’t come to campus.
  - Some say the AMS should not support him coming.
  - Should we be neutral?
  - The UBC President’s office has a draft statement on hate speech, saying it is not permissible to create a toxic environment, but it’s not clear that it’s in effect.

- Marium:
  - He demonizes and dehumanizes people.
  - I take offence at making space for him.

- Max:
  - UBC is probably not going to do anything.
  - They will probably follow the old Senate policy that allows anything that’s not unlawful.

- Marium: Violating human rights is a criminal offence.

- Max:
  - UBC said if you think it’s criminal, speak to the RCMP.
  - The Senate policy probably allows him to come here unless he does anything unlawful.
  - Should we do anything?

- Marium:
  - If you come up with some constructive ideas, bring them here.
  - We could make a statement, go to the RCMP, somehow show our opposition.

- Max:
  - I’ll bring something next week.
  - I want to see AMS executives on the picket line.
Executive Goals

- Marium:
  - Need to be done by tomorrow.
  - If not, I will exclude them and you won’t have any goals.
  - Follow Cristina’s model.
  - Need KPI’s; not just “I’ll think about policies.”
  - No more than five goals each; only two or three need KPI’s and deliverables.
  - Need to allude to our current strategic plan.
  - Write complete sentences.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.