THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of October 3, 2018

Attendance
Present: Marium Hamid (President), Cristina Ilnitchi (VP External), Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance), Piers Fleming (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Jason Tockman (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Max Holmes (VP Academic & University Affairs), Chris Hakim (VP Administration)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:20 am in Nest Room 3529.

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

Minutes
• The minutes of September 26 were approved (Kuol, Cristina).

I-9 (Policy on Executive Goal Setting)
• The timeline in the policy requires consultation this month with the designated staff members to discuss the Executives’ goals.
• In November recommendations for goal changes are to be brought to Council.
• Also in November, each Executive is to present Council with a summary of progress on their goals to date.
• Marium:
  o The emphasis should be on the word summary: something short, one page or at most two, in Calibri 11 with reasonable margins.
  o Let’s aim to present to Council at the November 21 meeting.
  o So each of the Execs should submit their summaries to me by November 12 (to get them on the agenda for November 16).
• Sheldon:
  o Governance Committee wants to look at revising Policy I-9.
  o Max and I drafted changes in the summer.
  o I will circulate those for feedback to pass along to the committee.
• Marium: Everyone should provide their feedback by this weekend.

Advisory Board
• Marium:
  o Piers and I have been working with the HR Committee to revise its structure and goals.
  o It will have three professional and two student members.
  o We will revert to the old rule saying the student members can be people who were students up to two years ago.
  o We want to start the new board up in January.
  o The idea is that they should be in place before the new Executive takes office in May, so they can give advice on what has gone before.
  o We’re not going to require an application/interview process for the professional members: it’s not respectful.
    ▪ We will seek out nominations for professional members.
  o The plan would be to send nominees to Council in time for a January start.
  o We want to make sure not all of the members of the Board are from finance or past AMS Executives or male.
    ▪ We want diversity.
• Kuol: What authority will the board have?
• Marium:
  o No authority.
  o They’re an advisory board.
  o They should consist of people not in the AMS so there’s no conflict and they can lend an eye from an outsider’s perspective.
  o They will only meet five times a year.
  o Before, they were mostly dealing with finances.
  o Right now we’re going to recruit from HR or non-profits, people who have expertise in relevant fields.
  o Before, the VP Finance chaired, but that does not fit our new conception of the board.
• Keith: Who will direct their work?
• Marium:
  o There will be a general description of what they do in the Code.
  o The Steering Committee will also play a role.
• Piers: I’d prefer recent alumni to recent students.
• Marium: We want students.
• Marium: The plan is to get this done this week, in time for next week’s Council.
AGM
- The Executive discussed various things that can be done at the AGM (scheduled for October 23):
  - The required things:
    - Receiving the auditors’ report.
    - Appointing the auditors.
    - Receiving reports from the Managing Director and the President.
    - A financial presentation in accordance with the recent Code change about quarterly reports.
  - Fun things:
    - Burying the time capsule, which we’ve been meaning to do since 2015.
      - In the Knoll.
    - Something about Sheldon’s history book.
    - The new website.
    - Celebrating the opening of the AMS section of the UBC Life Building.
- Marium:
  - To encourage turnout, we will have food.
  - Also could have some sort of Constituency competition to see who can bring out the most people.
  - Location: Probably the Atrium of the Nest.
  - Time still to be determined.

USRC (University Sports & Recreation Council)
- Marium:
  - Discussing the MoU for the new recreation building, the $25 AMS fee for the building, and space: negotiating with the University.
  - The University has agreed to two of our asks for the Management Committee for the new building:
    - Although they will have a majority on the Committee (4 seats out of 7), the quorum rule will require that students be present for any meeting.
    - Also, votes on financial matters, membership fees, etc. will require a 2/3rds majority.
  - Figuring out equity and loans for the new building.
  - On the old $21 AMS Athletics & Intramurals Fee, we will be having a separate conversation.
  - They will probably present to Council.
  - One issue is what AMS money is being used for.
  - We will draw up what we want.
  - Meanwhile they want to move ahead with the USRC as is, but it’s understood that if things change via an MoU, then the USRC will change.
Financial reports

- **Kuol:**
  - We are planning to ask the University for financial reports on how they use all the fees we transfer to them.
  - Is the discussion of the $21 fee dealing with that?
- **Marium:**
  - The MoU on the $21 fee will discuss financial reporting.
  - We want to know where the money is going.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.