



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 Initchi (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:
 - The emphasis should be on the word summary: something short, one page or at most two, in Calibri 11 with reasonable margins.
 - Let's aim to present to Council at the November 21 meeting.
 - So each of the Execs should submit their summaries to me by November 12 (to get them on the agenda for November 16).
- Sheldon:
 - Governance Committee wants to look at revising Policy I-9.
 - Max and I drafted changes in the summer.
 - I will circulate those for feedback to pass along to the committee.

- Marium: Everyone should provide their feedback by this weekend.

Advisory Board

- Marium:
 - Piers and I have been working with the HR Committee to revise its structure and goals.
 - It will have three professional and two student members.
 - We will revert to the old rule saying the student members can be people who were students up to two years ago.
 - We want to start the new board up in January.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - The plan would be to send nominees to Council in time for a January start.
 - 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:
 - No authority.
 - They're an advisory board.
 - 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.
 - They will only meet five times a year.
 - Before, they were mostly dealing with finances.
 - Right now we're going to recruit from HR or non-profits, people who have expertise in relevant fields.
 - Before, the VP Finance chaired, but that does not fit our new conception of the board.
- Keith: Who will direct their work?
- Marium:
 - There will be a general description of what they do in the Code.
 - 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.