THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of October 10, 2018

Attendance
Present: Marium Hamid (President), Max Holmes (VP Academic & University Affairs), Chris Hakim (VP Administration), Cristina Ilnitchi (VP External), Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance), Piers Fleming (Student Services Manager), Jason Tockman (Policy Advisor), 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 11:11 am in Nest Room 3529.

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

Minutes
- The minutes of October 3 were approved (Chris, Max).

All-Presidents Dinner/Great Trekker
- Chris:
  - Alumni Engagement has been asking if they should start searching for the next Great Trekker Award recipient for us.
  - Also, when will be doing the All-Presidents Dinner (APD)?
- Marium:
  - My team is working on this.
  - The APD includes awards for Best Club and Constituency of the Year.
  - It also includes the Great Trekker award, given to someone who exemplifies leadership.
    - The Alumni help us with finding someone for the Great Trekker.
  - Alumni UBC and Studentcare sponsor the event.
  - We used to do it in the Gallery, but it was too noisy.
  - Last year we held it in the area outside the Great Hall.
  - This time we’re planning cocktails over at the Alumni Centre before moving to the Nest.
  - We’ve been working on the date.
We want it not too late, because we want to celebrate the year that has ended, not the year that is to come. Probably March 1. Hoping for a little more diversity in the Great Trekker award, maybe a younger alumni. Louise Cowin (former VP Students) used to speak. This year we’ll ask President Santa Ono.

Student Leadership Conference (SLC)

- Chris:
  - Last year Council directed us to draw up an agreement with them (for free booking for the annual January event in the Nest).
  - There is a draft agreement that they want to meet about.
- Max:
  - The event is not run by a club; it’s a free booking, and they charge students to attend.
  - Would they waive the fee for students who can’t afford it?
- Marium:
  - Most attendees are sponsored by departments.
  - An amazing amount of clubs get to present.
  - It’s a celebration of UBC life, providing meals and speakers for just $20.
- Max:
  - It’s not open to all students.
  - The MoU should say something about access.
  - The event should be open to all students.
- Marium:
  - Many events in the conference will be open to all.
  - Only workshops will be restricted.
  - It’s a good event.
  - Kuol: If someone can’t afford to attend, is there any provision for them?
- Marium:
  - Not sure if there’s a bursary.
  - But it can’t be free for all.
  - We can push for a bursary, maybe not for this year.
  - **Action Item: Chris to report back on the meeting with the SLC.**

Indigenous Circle

- Marium:
  - Rodney Little Mustache is expecting a lot of people for the next meeting and wants a bigger room.
This meeting is to draft a terms of reference for an Indigenous Committee which will be brought to Council.

- Max:
  - This meeting is for the Indigenous students, who want to discuss issues among themselves.
  - In case there are governance changes that they want, we should send an Executive, but just one.

- Marium: I will update Council about this in my update.

- Discussion of whether they can hold a smudging ceremony in the Nest. There may be a problem with the fire alarms reacting to the smoke from the smudging.

**VP Students Search**

- Marium:
  - All the AMS Executives and the Student Services Manager should have received invites to meet the four short-listed candidates.
  - The four are a solid group.
  - The AMS Executives, student Senators, and a Grad Student Society rep will meet each of the candidates individually.
  - Max will lead the discussions.
  - Feedback will be sent to the President’s Office and go from there to the search committee.

- Max:
  - Each meeting will last about an hour.
  - There should be 8-10 students in the room.
  - We’re looking for a candidate of high calibre who will be a good fit for the University, and we’ll be looking at how well they will collaborate with the AMS.

**Nest Animation**

- Chris:
  - The Hatch Art Gallery has got new signage.
  - We have a new piece, Weavings Our Way, from the Vancouver Arts Colloquium Society, by the Musqueam weaver Deborah Sparrow.

**Council**

- Marium:
  - We’re going to withdraw the motion about changes to the Election Administrator’s position because of mistakes in the job description.
  - There are revisions to the Code amendments for the Advisory Board.

- Chris:
  - U-Plaza Capstone project: we’ve been calling it an MoU, but it’s just a letter.

- Kuol: Are we looking for a new Speaker?
• Marium: Today we’ll be announcing Abdul’s new position in the AMS and we will put up a JD for Speaker.

AGM
• Marium: We won’t be able to unveil the sign and bury the time capsule at this time, because we need a permit.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:51 am.