



## 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.