



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 20, 2018

Attendance

Present: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration), Max Holmes (VP Academic), Sally Lin (VP External), Alim Lakhialov (VP Finance), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Guest: Piers Fleming (incoming Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Pooja, Alim).

Business budget

- Keith:
 - For 2018-19 we are forecasting a \$1.362 million contribution from the businesses, up from \$650,432 in 2017-18.
 - No renovations or rebranding this year, but some revisions to menu items etc.
 - Thin crust pizza at Pie R.
 - Bring your own cup to Blue Chip.
 - New coffee brand at Blue Chip.
 - Green tea ice cream at Honour Roll.
 - Pit: More programming and sporting events.
 - Porch: Successful so far; new items.
 - Ph Tea: Introducing Bubble Waffles.
 - Grand Noodle Emporium: New chef. Reintroducing beer.
 - I Wana Taco doing really well.
 - Conferences & Catering: Going to focus more on UBC departments offsite.
 - \$10.1 million revenue forecast. Up because:
 - Full year of Porch.
 - The cost of goods will be slightly down.

- Labour costs down: minimum wage rising, but we will offset by reducing hours and we've cut out some of our higher paid positions.
- Decrease in overhead: Dropped the Senior Manager of Operations.
- Net contribution is \$362,000, but we add \$1 million for depreciation.
- We had been predicting a falloff in revenue for Blue Chip because of Starbucks on campus and other outlets in UBC's new Central building, but they have had a minimal effect: less than we expected.
- Thinking of increasing seating in the Nest, which gives us an advantage over our competitors on University Boulevard (they have limited seating).
- Income from our tenants is up a bit.
 - We have a new tenant: RBC, replacing Qoola.
- We're predicting the Pit will make a contribution this year; made a small loss last year and the year before because of the Gallery.
 - Now the Gallery will be more our food and beverage outlet, and the Pit will be for sports and programming.
- The Gallery has been busy but not that profitable, because prices in it are low. But it attracts people into the building, animates the place.

[Alan left.]

- Conferences & Catering is making the most revenue: 22%.
 - Blue Chip second (16%).
 - The Gallery only 9%.
- Blue Chip makes the most per square foot.
 - Ph Tea is next (because it's so small).

Job Descriptions

- Max:
 - For the VP Academic and University Affairs Office.
 - There's still a budget decision to be made.
 - This is to approve the JD's themselves.
 - I'm preparing a presentation for Council.
 - Want to add 10 hours to my office, raising it to 90 hours of work by my team.
 - Adding a second AVP, so there will be two at 20 hours each.
 - This has been recommended by the Advocacy Committee and the Student Senate Caucus.
 - Current model not sustainable: one AVP managing the whole office.
 - The new model will fill gaps, offering support to Senate Caucus.
 - In the past Academic Affairs has been lacking (we were heavy on the University Affairs side).
 - The Campaigns and Outreach Commissioner has been a successful position.

[Alan back.]

- Alim: Will two AVP's work?
- Max:
 - There are two very distinct sides of the office, the Academic side (dealing with policy) and the University side (what we traditionally have focused on).
 - The Academic side will help the Student Senators, liaising about curriculum consultation: something the AMS has not yet been involved in, the problems of Faculties and Undergraduate Societies getting together.
 - There's been a gaping hole till now.
 - Last year's changes helped, but we ignored Academic Affairs.
 - The system may change depending on a Senate governance review which could lead to more support for Student Senators from Senate, so they won't need so much from us.
 - There will be three new positions:
 - AVP Academic Affairs
 - AVP University Affairs
 - Academic Affairs Commissioner
- Sally: I also have JD's for the VP External Office. Some updates to the position descriptions.

MOVED MAX, SECONDED SALLY:

"That the Executive Committee recommend to Council that it suspend Code to allow these job descriptions to go to Council without first going to the HR Committee."

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Goals

- Sally: Let's also suspend Policy I-9 (on Executive goals). We don't have time to prepare a presentation on the year's goals for Council.
- The consensus of the Executive was to go ahead and prepare the presentation.

Constituency Handbook

- Pooja:
 - 67 pages long, it took a full year, but it's done. Submitted to Council.
 - Presidents Council can now look at it going forward and make changes if necessary.

Lighter Footprint Strategy

- Pooja:
 - Now will be called the Student-Driven Sustainability Strategy (SDSS).

- Covering all forms of sustainability, not just carbon.
- Going to Council for approval.

Policy I-7 (on Expulsion)

- Pooja: The revised policy is also coming to Council.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.