AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of August 22, 2018

Attendance
Present: Max Holmes (VP Academic & University Affairs), Chris Hakim (VP Administration), Cristina Ilnitchi (VP External), Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Piers Fleming (Student Services Manager), Jason Tockman (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Marium Hamid (President)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm with Max in the chair.

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

Minutes
- The minutes were postponed.

Financial Report
- Kuol:
  - Telling Council how much money we got and spent in the May 1-July 31 period.
  - Costs were up because of an increase in the minimum wage and position changes.
  - Still showing a surplus of over $100,000 (slightly lower than in previous years).
  - SASC shortfall being addressed by making cuts elsewhere.

Recreation Committees Terms of Reference
- The Executive discussed the terms of reference proposed for two committees by Athletics and Recreation.

Thunderbird Sculpture
- Jason:
  - The Grad Class Council in 2017 gifted money for a Thunderbird sculpture.
  - The AMS contracted with the Indigenous artist Connie Watts to do the sculpture.
It’s to go on a column next to CiTR.

It’s been designed, but not sculpted yet.

We’ve had conversations with the Musqueam.

The Thunderbird is not a Musqueam image; it’s from another First Nation, one that Connie Watts belongs to.

We wanted to speak to the Musqueam about another nation’s art going on Musqueam territory.

They had some suggestions about the artwork, not all of which Connie Watts is comfortable with.

We don’t know if it’s possible to reconcile the two viewpoints.

It would be good for the Executive to review this and give direction, perhaps name a point person.

- Chris: Connie did make some changes, but other suggestions she’s not comfortable with.
- Max:
  - The Grad Class Council is overseen by the President and the VP Admin.
  - Perhaps the VP Admin should be the point person.
- Chris:
  - I would need direction. What angle are we taking?
  - The Thunderbird is a Kwakwə̱k’wakw icon.
  - We contracted with this artist.
  - She has made changes, but other suggested changes would affect her artistic intent.
  - I’d like to move forward through Musqueam consultation and honouring the artist’s intent.
- Max:
  - We need Musqueam consent.
  - We’re trying to honour both nations, the nation whose image it is and the Musqueam, whose land this is.
- Jason:
  - Connie expressed willingness to change the colour scheme in response to the Musqueam request; also to make changes on the plaque.
  - Her design has not been approved by the Kwakwə̱k’wakw nation; we’re working with the Musqueam and this artist.

**Action Item:** Jason, Chris, and Michael Kingsmill to inform the Musqueam about the changes agreed to by Connie Watts and to work to get consent to go ahead.

Chris will be the Executive point person.

### Imagine Day

- Cristina:
  - SASC and Services have a booth.
  - We also have a booth.
We can give out AMS merchandise.

- Max: Budget?
- Cristina: From Communications.
- Also issue of Marium’s speech if she is not back.
- Max: Hopefully, she will be back.

**SVPREP**

- Max is stepping down as chair and member of the Sexual Violence Prevention and Respectful Environment Policy Working Group.
- There will be a new Terms of Reference making the VP Admin the chair.
- Chris: This makes sense as it is more to do with the work I do (internal matters).
- Max: Timelines may need to change.

**Governance Committee**

- Max also stepping down from this committee.
- Chris is willing to replace him.
- The next Exec meeting will make the official appointment.

**Hiring**

- Communications Manager: Great candidates.
- Senior Manager of Student Services: Going back to the recruiters. This is a difficult position to fill.
- HR Manager: Interviewing.
- Ombudsperson: Hopefully, the HR Committee will approve in time for Council.
- Clubs & Constituencies Finance position: Interviewing.
- SASC Manager, support workers, etc.: Close to making offers.
- Tutors and volunteers being hired in Services.
- Two commissioners being hired for the VP Academic & University Affairs.
- Business office hirings.
- Payroll Manager: There’s a good candidate.

**Website**

- Keith:
  - Nearly done. Ready for next week.
  - We’ll release it, and if people want changes, we can go from there.
  - We’ll do an internal launch party in September.
- Max: I’d like to see the old AMS minutes remain on the new website.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.