



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 22, 2018

Attendance

Present: Max Holmes (VP Academic & University Affairs), Chris Hakim (VP Administration), Cristina Ilnitshi (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 Kwakwaka'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 Kwakwaka'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.