



## THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

### AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 2, 2018

#### Attendance

Present: Max Holmes (VP Academic), Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration), Sally Lin (VP External), Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Alan Ehrenholz (President)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm with Sally in the chair.

#### Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Alim, Max).

#### Minutes

- The minutes for January 26, 2018 were approved (Max, Alim).

#### Fee Restructuring

- Alim:
  - Dividing AMS fees into a protected bundle and other fees which will have to come up for renewal (every three years, starting in February 2019).
  - The protected fees will be ones to do with AMS operations, including:
    - General AMS Membership fee
    - Capital Projects Fund fee
    - Lighter Footprint fee
    - Clubs Benefit fee
    - Sexual Assault Services fee (used to run SASC)
  - The Sexual Assault fee will go up.
  - The Grad Class Fee will be coming down: \$7 per graduate is not necessary; the fund is never used up.
  - Council will select which fees will come up for renewal when.
  - The fees for U-Pass, Health and Dental, and the new building are excluded from this whole system and will remain as is.
- Sally: Should we put this system in the bylaws?

- Max:
  - If you put it in the bylaws, that makes it harder to change; it would require a 2/3rds vote. So the system would be more firmly in place.
  - But to put it into the bylaws in the first place would be harder, because you'd need a 2/3rds majority for it to pass.
- Marium: If it's not in the bylaws, how make sure that a future VP Finance follows this?
- Alim: Another issue is, if we put a fee in the bundle, how do we guarantee that the appropriate amount of money is spent on SASC or other commitments?
- Sally: Can we put procedures in the referendum question?
- Alim: The selection of which fees will be brought up for renewal has to occur next year.
- Kelsi: Have you talked to UBC about the Ombuds and Athletics fees becoming fees that will have to come up for renewal?
- Alim: Haven't. Don't want those two in the protected bundle.
- Kelsi: We need to tell them.
- Max: We can set up meetings. We can say the students want more financial accountability; they can campaign to keep the fees.
- Alim:
  - The WUSC fee will come up for renewal. It has strong support, so it's not really at risk. It's the fees that students don't care about that may be at risk.
  - We'll have lots of discussion; we're not passing it yet.
  - It's a big move, a structural change to give students a say in what they pay instead of having them pay just because students 40 years ago said so.
- Pooja:
  - Will students vote Yes-No-Abstain on whether to keep a fee?
  - Or will the question be, Do you want to end this fee?
  - If it's a vote to keep, what happens if there's a majority Yes, but no quorum?

## Sexual Violence Policy

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Max: This will allow for consultation over the summer and time for implementation.

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... Carried unanimously

## Updates

- Alim: New fee structure.
- Max:
  - Housing Action Plan to Board of Governors.
    - Discussions with VP Students; disappointed with how this has been handled.
  - Strategic Plan working groups are finishing their meetings.
  - Five tuition consultations.
  - Two requests for online petitions for referendums:
    - A fee for Sprouts.
    - New tuition affordability referendum.
  - Will keep you posted on whether they get their thousand signatures.
- Mariam:
  - Hiring for all Services (Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators). Also for the Student Services Manager and the Assistant Student Services Manager.
  - Content creation.
  - Data collection: hope to have system in place in time for Reading Break.
  - Received cheque from the VP Students.
  - Doing a review for Council (including stats and costs).
  - 53 ventures/ideas through eHub.
- Sally:
  - Submission to provincial government about preventing sexual violence.
  - U-Pass working group: survey to measure usage.
  - Interview on student debt by an SFU grad student.
  - Research projects.
  - Housing fair.
  - Mental health meeting.
- Pooja:
  - Policy I-7 (on expulsion) going to Council.
  - The Operations Committee is working on the departmental club system.
  - All-Presidents Dinner March 29.

- Nominations for Great Trekker award.
- Just Desserts March 13.
- Art Gallery show went well. New show next week.
- UBC Life Building millwork going well.
- Sustainability: Lighter Footprint strategy.
- Constituency Handbook.
- Who works in the AMS? An interactive project.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.