



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 9, 2018

Attendance

Present: Alan Ehrenholz (President), 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)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Alim, Max).

Minutes

- The minutes for February 2, 2018 were approved (Max, Pooja).

UBC Policy 131 (Sexual Assault and Misconduct)

- Max:
 - On the UBC committee for Sexual Violence Prevention, but it's hardly met. (Only once in November)
 - Training doesn't seem clear or universally available
 - I would like to send an email expressing disappointment over the lack of meetings, and would like to send it with the support of the Executive.
 - General lack of action on implementing the policy:
 - Senate and the President's Advisory Committee do not seem like the appropriate bodies to deal with these issues and lack sensitivity training
 - People who want to use the policy have been improperly told they have to disclose information to others in order to get accommodations
 - There's been no training made available to all community members that is widely advertised and has enough capacity
- Sally: It's the University's Perpetual Referral Machine: students give up after being passed off from one office to another.
- Max:

- SASC (the AMS Sexual Assault Support Centre) has raised safety concerns over how long it takes someone to get out of residence if they don't feel safe and other timely safety measures
- There's no listing of safety measures, no list of things that can be done.
- They use terms like "3rd party allegations" instead of "3rd party reporting" to make 3rd party reporting seem less true.
- It would be good if UBC's committee met to discuss these things or if anyone was actually responsible and ensuring implementation
- It's been a year: I want us to push for implementation from this committee or from anyone, and if that doesn't work, then go to Senate and make submissions to the Board of Governors.
- The current state of implementation is unacceptable but I want to push the committee and responsible staff first.
- There was consensus on the Executive in favour of this.
- Sally: We're going to make a submission to Victoria; going to ask the government what the next steps are. They can pressure UBC.

Minimum Wage

- Alan: Going up to \$12.65 in June and to \$15.20 by 2021. How will we deal with this?
- Keith:
 - New POS system to create self-service kiosks in the outlets.
 - HR is working on a wage structure.
- Alim: Tiers (for pay rates) will have to be redone.
- Keith: Could increase prices to offset wage costs.
- Alan: Either that or we cut costs by having less staff or we run a referendum to raise student fees.
- Keith: Could seek an exemption.
- Alan: But then why would people work for us?
- Max: And that would mean the AMS was advocating to pay students less which would be contrary to student affordability.
- Sally: Probably we need to use a mix of options.
- Max: We could open a marijuana dispensary once recreational use is legalized and depending on Provincial Legislation and UBC Policies. That would make us a lot of money, and students might support the idea.
- Alan: That falls under the general option of increasing our revenue.
- Max: Do we need to increase the student fee now?
- Keith: We can manage for a year.
- Alim: It will bring us close to a deficit.
- Alan:
 - Can reach out to schools in Ontario to see what they did.

- We need to find out from students what their priority is: preserve student jobs? offer services? Could be a question on the Nest Experience Survey.
- Pooja: So no referendum now?
- Alan: No appetite for that now.

Council/Referendums

- Alan:
 - Council’s agenda will include appointment of the Elections Committee, recommendations from the Elections Committee, and motions on the referendum questions, which are:
 - Fee restructuring
 - U-Pass extension
 - Abolishing Student Court.
 - The Student Court question is coming from the Governance Committee; the other two will come from the Executive Committee.
- Sally: Is Legal okay with the U-Pass question?
- Keith: Yes. Would like to send them the Student Court question too.
- Max: Will the fee proposal go in the bylaws?
- Alan: Better in the Code.
- Max: There may be a Sprouts fee question as well; will it be covered by the general fee proposal?
- Alan: The restructuring proposal says any fee with no set expiry date will be covered.

MOVED MAX, SECONDED ALAN:

“That the Executive recommend that Council put the U-Pass question and the fee restructuring question to referendum.”

... Carried

MOVED SALLY, SECONDED POOJA:

“That the Executive recommend that Council take a Yes position on both these questions.”

... Carried

- It was suggested that the Referendum Coordinator be invited to speak to the Executive.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.