



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 26, 2018

Attendance

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

Regrets: Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Max, Alim).

Minutes

- Minutes for January 19, 2018 were approved (Max, Sally).

Student Services Manager (SSM)

- Alan:
 - After further discussion after last week's meeting, it was decided to modify last time's decision so that a student will be hired but for a term that can be renewed.
 - So we are amending last week's motion.

MOVED ALAN, SECONDED MAX:

"That the Executive amend its motion of January 19, 2018 to direct Keith to change the SSM JD to allow for a student to be renewed a maximum of two times (for a total time in the position of no more than three years)."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried unanimously

Sexual Violence Policy

- Max:
 - The timeline is not feasible, if we want a policy that has thorough consultation with all affected groups.
 - We would need to do the first consultation in February and then another in March, and we would have to draft the policy in less than a month for a complex issue.
 - Additionally, this is a busy time of year for both HR and SASC.
 - It would be better to do a large consultation in March extending into April (town halls) and then work on the policy over the summer.
 - Then there could be a second consultation in September with a policy ultimately adopted by the end of October.
 - This would also allow more time for implementation, something that could take an additional few months.

Mental Health Policy

- Sally:
 - We don't have a mental health policy.
 - Been meeting about it.
 - Going to send out themes, then bring back feedback to create a policy that will come to the Executive.

Appointments to UBC Committees

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Be it further resolved that the executive committee recommends the appointment of Alan Ehrenholz as the UBC Vancouver Student Representative to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of the Vice President Development and Alumni Engagement.

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- Max:
 - Alan is already on the Alumni board.

- I'm on Senate, so can poll the Student Senate Caucus. And I meet weekly with the student Board of Governors reps, so can poll them and other interested students.
- Marium is also on Senate.

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- Alim: What makes a good VP Finance?
- Max:
 - It's also the VP Operations, so they need to be good at that.
 - We want someone who is good at looking at alternative financing models.
 - We need creative solutions for deficits within faculties.
 - And they need to complement the current UBC Executive.

Vegans of UBC

- Pooja: The president of the Vegans of UBC club has asked us if they can do a display.
- Alan:
 - There are questions about what sort of advocacy they're allowed to do.
 - Another group does displays about the treatment of livestock.
 - They want to do something similar, showing graphic images on boards and screens.
 - Are we okay with that?
- Pooja:
 - Lifeline has been banned from displaying graphic images in the Nest.
 - If we don't allow it, it's a freedom of speech issue.
 - If we do allow it, it's triggering.
 - And if we allow it this time, Lifeline may object.
- Sally: Can we create guidelines?

- Alan:
 - Do we want to create new Code or Policy?
 - Something similar to what we did with Lifeline?
 - With Lifeline we said their images have to be outside the Nest.
- Max: Our current policies and our constitution could support either position. It would be good if we had something written that was clear, so we would not have to decide on an ad hoc basis. Then no one could say we're singling anyone out.
- Pooja: The Operations Committee can look at this, but for now what do we do about this group?
- Alan:
 - Tell them we've asked other groups to keep graphic images outside.
 - If they want something inside the Nest, they have to make sure it's non-triggering.
 - This sort of graphic display doesn't belong in the building: that's the precedent we set with Lifeline.
- Max: You can say we need more time and can't make a final decision until the Operations Committee meets, and for now we will stick with precedent, and precedent says they can't display graphic images in the Nest.

World Record

- Alan:
 - The Ubysey is asking about the walking backward world record.
 - What is the record? How would we break it? Why this record?
 - Are we okay with UBC spending money on it?
 - My view is that if something is student-related it's a decent way to spend money.
 - They have \$5,000 and are looking for \$15,000.
- Sally: We may get pushback. When we campaigned to bring Drake here, it was not as costly as that (only \$2,500); why spend \$15,000 on this?
- Alan: Drake didn't come.
- Pooja: But it was fun; it brought 2,000 students out.
- Alim: If we need over 1,200 students to break the record, it will cost about \$10 a student.
- Max: As long as the money is not from tuition dollars.
- Alan: Would we be willing to fund it?
- Alim: We'd need a budget amendment.
- Alan: So we'll say that we're okay with UBC funding it as long as it doesn't come from tuition.

Communications Update (Logos and Website)

Logos:

- Alan:
 - New logo for the Nest.
 - The Nest needs its own brand under the AMS, but the two will be tied together.
 - There will also be a slight change in the AMS logo:
 - Changing the colours and fonts, and sometimes we won't use the shield.
 - Gold is being dropped because it's seen as archaic now.
 - Going for modern clean colour: a darker blue, which will also distinguish us from UBC's blue.
- Max: Do we really need to change our logo again?
- Alan:
 - It's costing less than \$5,000, and it will give us something bold, clean, and more noticeable.
 - We'll roll it out gradually.

Websites:

- Alan:
 - Need more images and video for the website to make it come alive.
 - Also, we want to use the slogan, "We've got your back."
 - We have images already; we can use more of them.
 - High level changes proposed.
 - Happening over the next few months.
 - The Catering & Conferences website can change within a month.
 - The main AMS website is going to take more time.
 - Aiming for a professional look.
- Max: The goal will be to have website done by the end of our term?
- Alan:
 - Yes, the Nest website is looking pretty good: it's mostly front end stuff to do.
 - The AMS website, because it's old, will take a while.
- Sally: There's lots of governance documents on the website.
- Alan: That's not going to be lost.
- Max: There's lots of old, out of date content. Will the Executive be included in the conversation about changing it?
- Alan: Everyone will be included in the conversation.
- Alim: We also don't want to overload the website.
- Max: I don't know what the new website will look like.
- Alan:
 - We're not designers.
 - Communications will bring something, and we can respond, certainly about content.

- Structure will be more for Coms and the external contractor to put together.

Referendum Questions

- Alan: Is U-Pass almost in final form?
- Kelsi: Final version going to Keith to send to Legal.
- Alan: Chris Hakim is bringing a Student Court question.
- A fee restructuring referendum is also being discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.