



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 5, 2018

Attendance

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

Regrets: Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager)

Guest: Andrea Bryson (new SASC Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Sally, Max).

Minutes

- The minutes of December 14 were approved (Max, Sally).

Introduction

- Alan introduced Andrea Bryson, the new SASC Manager, who declared how much she liked the vibrancy at the AMS.

[Andrea left.]

Ubysey

- Alan:
 - The Ubysey would like to do a piece reviewing the eight months of the Executive.
 - It would mean interviewing each of us.
 - If everyone is comfortable with that, I'll tell them we'll all do it.

Old SUB

- Pooja:
 - Have final numbers.
 - Has come down from \$1.3 million to \$1.1 million over and could go lower.
- Alan:
 - Some things are not finalized.
 - We could take a guess at the top number or wait till we can be more definite.
- Max: Maybe give Council an update.
- Pooja: That's the update I've been giving for the past eight months.
- Alan: We could ask Council for a motion up to \$1.1 million, and if it's lower, that's fine.

Referendums

- Sally: Referendums opening next week. One on transit.
- Alan: A job description is being posted shortly for a Referendum Coordinator.
- Max: Other referendums possible.
- Bylaws? Would have to run by lawyers.

Media Policy

- The Executive discussed the proposed policy and whether more time was needed to consult on it.
- It's based on a much more detailed protocol.
- There will be a review in April.

MOVED MAX, SECONDED POOJA:

"That the Executive recommend the Media Policy to Council."

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Athletics & Recreation

- Discussion of letter going to Council.
- Max: The University says they are spending 83% of the money collected via the AMS fee on recreation and intramurals, and only 17% on Varsity, but that's misleading.
- Sally: It's missing the contextual piece.
- Max: Have to look at the whole Athletics budget. If you look at that, you find that they're spending 10 to 1 on Varsity.
- Alan: They're spending 5 to 1 on Varsity overall, including the money they raise and the money we provide. If you take out the AMS contribution, they do spend 10 to 1.

Surveys

- Max:
 - The Academic Experience Survey (AES) is basically done, and will be released between January 29 and March 9.
 - The Nest Experience Survey will go out during elections.
 - We can only do two membership surveys a year, but we also do newsletter surveys, which are okay if there's only one question at the end of a newsletter.
 - But if we ask more questions, then we're not following our policy and there's a danger of survey fatigue.
- Alan: If the newsletter surveys go to the Executive, we can vote to allow them.
- Max: I'd vote against. Smaller surveys, helpful as they are, are not scientific.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.