



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

## AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 12, 2018

### Attendance

Present: Marium Hamid (President), Chris Hakim (VP Administration), Max Holmes (VP Academic & University Affairs), Piers Fleming (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance), Cristina Initchi (VP External), Jason Tockman (Policy Advisor)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 pm.

### Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Max, Chris).

### Minutes

- The minutes of June 5 were approved (Chris, Max).

### Budget

- Keith:
  - Second meeting of Finance Committee this evening.
  - Last week the committee reviewed the Events budget; spent two hours just on that.
  - This evening everything else.
  - Trying to finish so we can submit to Council on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Problem with scheduling: most committee members not available except in the evening, so we can't meet until 6 pm.
- Marium: It will be nice if Execs go to the meeting or make themselves available by phone.

### SASC

- Marium:
  - Changing landscape of sexual violence services on campus.

- Under UBC's Policy 131 there is now a Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office (SVPRO).
- This has made us start thinking of the effect on SASC (the AMS's Sexual Assault Support Centre).
- Policy 131 mandates SVPRO to be the only body applying for accommodation and concessions related to sexual assault.
- This means SASC's support work can't be as extensive as before.
- We had already wanted SASC to focus more on outreach, with support services being provided by SVPRO.
- But we'll come up with a strong referral program to ensure that survivors receive accommodation and long-term support, hospital accompaniments, help with appeals, etc.
- This is going to be a long conversation, but by September we'd like to restructure SASC to make it focus on advocacy, outreach, and education.
- We'll need to amend Code, which is already out of date concerning SASC.
- Max:
  - What options will there be for those uncomfortable seeking support from SVPRO?
  - There will have to be a transition period.
  - We need to communicate to survivors before going public with this.
- Mariam:
  - SVPRO doesn't have someone to help survivors navigate the system.
  - SASC will still have a role there.
  - SASC will work with clubs and Constituencies.

## Hiring

- Keith:
  - Hired Jason as Policy Advisor.
  - Interviewing for HR Manager, who will then hire the HR Generalist.
  - Search on for Senior Manager of Student Services.
  - Interviews for Communications Manager on June 28.
  - Ombuds interviews are being scheduled.
- Piers:
  - Thinking of hiring a volunteers team.
  - Not for one particular service, but available for all the services to use.
- Mariam:
  - Good idea. They'll get to know all the services.
  - Can you use current volunteers now working for the services?
- Piers: Could do that.
- Piers also asked about getting a Facebook page for this group.
- Mariam: Wait till we declutter our social media.

**Food Bank donations**

- Piers:
  - Did a presentation to Food & Beverage.
  - We can't do point-of-sale roundups with the current POS system; maybe with the new POS.
  - Concern about frequent customers being asked every day to donate \$1 to the Food Bank; may annoy them.
  - Maybe just do it for one month.
  - Maybe have a special at the Gallery, with a portion going to Food Bank.
- Keith: The bottom line of everything goes via the Endowment Fund to the Services.
- Piers: But this would be more direct: a direct contribution to the Food Bank.

**Ben Shapiro**

- Max:
  - The UBC Free Speech Club has invited Ben Shapiro to speak on campus on October 31.
  - He has made statements that could be construed as racist.
  - There's a letter campaign saying he shouldn't come to campus.
  - Some say the AMS should not support him coming.
  - Should we be neutral?
  - The UBC President's office has a draft statement on hate speech, saying it is not permissible to create a toxic environment, but it's not clear that it's in effect.
- Marium:
  - He demonizes and dehumanizes people.
  - I take offence at making space for him.
- Max:
  - UBC is probably not going to do anything.
  - They will probably follow the old Senate policy that allows anything that's not unlawful.
- Marium: Violating human rights is a criminal offence.
- Max:
  - UBC said if you think it's criminal, speak to the RCMP.
  - The Senate policy probably allows him to come here unless he does anything unlawful.
  - Should we do anything?
- Marium:
  - If you come up with some constructive ideas, bring them here.
  - We could make a statement, go to the RCMP, somehow show our opposition.
- Max:
  - I'll bring something next week.
  - I want to see AMS executives on the picket line.

### **Executive Goals**

- Marium:
  - Need to be done by tomorrow.
  - If not, I will exclude them and you won't have any goals.
  - Follow Cristina's model.
  - Need KPI's; not just "I'll think about policies."
  - No more than five goals each; only two or three need KPI's and deliverables.
  - Need to allude to our current strategic plan.
  - Write complete sentences.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.