



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 19, 2018

Attendance

Present: Marium Hamid (President), Chris Hakim (VP Administration), Max Holmes (VP Academic & University Affairs), Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance), Cristina Initchi (VP External), Piers Fleming (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Jason Tockman (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Max, Chris).

Minutes

- The minutes of June 12 were approved with a minor correction (Chris, Cristina).

Appointments

- Marium:
 - I will serve on UBC's search committee for a new VP Students.
 - For the search committee for UBC's new VP External, it will be Max.
 - That search committee will probably start work in July; the replacement is not needed till January.
- Kuol: Why not Cristina on the VP External committee?
- Marium: Max has sat on multiple search committees, and Cristina is happy with him taking this one. Lots of the UBC External portfolio has to do with things besides government.

MOVED KUOL, SECONDED CHRIS:

“That the Executive Committee recommend that Marium be the AMS representative on the UBC search committee for a new VP Students and that Max be the AMS representative on the UBC search committee for a new VP External.”

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Space in Nest

- Piers asked about the currently vacant space on the first floor.
- Keith: It's for the gift shop; they'll be returning in two years.
- Piers: Can we brainstorm about what to fill it with for two years?
- There was discussion about knocking down a wall, facing the area into the Nest instead of to the outside, and moving the Safewalk team out of a neighbouring space.
- Keith: The gift shop (Blooming) is coming back in two years and want a food prep area. I'm loath to spend money to knock down a wall.
- Piers: We could have short-term pop-ups.
- Keith: The problem is that the space is currently next to a construction site.
- Piers: We need to find a vendor willing to put up with being next to a construction site. We need to market it better: people don't know where it is.
- Cristina: We could use a clothing vendor.
- Keith: We did a lot of retail studies: students don't want to do their clothing shopping here; they want to go downtown.
- Max: I wouldn't sink resources into this.
- Kuol: Maybe we should check it out.
- Keith: There's also no access to the space; it's blocked by the construction.
- Piers: Could we put a liquor store in?
- Keith: We're not allowed to do that.
- Max: How about a marijuana dispensary? I'd resign my position to manage a dispensary.

Executive Goals Presentation to Council

- Marium:
 - The reports are done.
 - Chris finished first.
 - Piers' was the most concise.
 - Please keep them to two and a half minutes each.

Executive Goals Policy (I-9)

- Max:
 - The Governance Committee wanted feedback on I-9.
 - The biggest things are the timeline and the format.
 - Currently, the goals are to be submitted to Council in May and are to include Key Performance Indicators.
 - Then there's a November update and an end-of-year report.
 - How much do we want Council involved?
 - How can we ensure accountability?
 - The current process doesn't add much.

- Cristina and I have a committee that gives us oversight. A different sort of oversight.
- The Finance Committee does the same for Kuol.
- Is there a way to get Council more engaged in our goals?
- Marium:
 - Maybe do the rubric called for in the policy. The Governance Review Implementation Committee did do one, but last year's Executive didn't use it.
 - There's the issue of referring to a Strategic Plan that never got passed.
- Jason: The principles in the Strategic Plan don't seem like principles.
- Cristina: The problem is the Strategic Plan.

IT Committee

- Kuol: This committee, which is under the Finance Committee, is supposed to have one Executive member appointed by the Executive.
- Marium: That would put three Executives on it, which seems extreme. Finance Committee should revisit the membership of this subcommittee.

Updates

- Max:
 - Working with Chris on interim procedures for the Sexual Violence and Respectful Environment Policy working group.
 - UBC search committee for VP Alumni Affairs: work is done; for VP Finance almost done.
 - Policy 131 workshop.
- Chris:
 - Sustainability report to Council.
 - Art Gallery submissions/exhibitions.
 - Clubs: allocated all space.
 - Started the move into the UBC Life Building.
 - Looking into logistics of expelling and suspending club members.
- Cristina:
 - Transit consultation.
 - U-Pass.
 - SUDS: Indigenous students workshop and other workshops.
 - Brief on Copyright Act.
 - Report on transit advocacy.
 - Letter to federal government about Iranian students' visa delays.
- Marium:
 - Keith and I are interviewing candidates for HR Manager.
 - Second round of interviews for Communications Manager.
 - Ombuds interviews.

- Max and Keith: SASC and SVPRO issues.
- SHAPE: there's an auction house enthusiastic about selling our art.
- Budgeting.
- Completing goals for the presentation.
- Kuol:
 - Finance Committee approved the budget.
 - Funds and Grants meeting.
 - UBC Innovative Projects Committee meeting.
 - Looking into how much we should give out from our funds: Student Initiatives Fund, Clubs Benefit Fund.
 - Credit card working well.
- Piers:
 - Speakeasy meeting about wellness.
 - Tutoring making partnerships with undergraduate societies.
 - Jump Start promotional work.
 - EHub course on entrepreneurship.
 - Food Bank: looking at new space.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.