



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 9, 2018

Attendance

Present: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration), Max Holmes (VP Academic), Sally Lin (VP External), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council and Privacy Officer)

Regrets: Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Max, Sally).

Minutes

- The minutes of March 2, 2018 were approved (Max, Sally).

Privacy

- Sheldon will re-send the guidelines on privacy and protecting personal information.
- There have been some privacy issues lately that the guidelines address.
- There will be orientation on privacy laws during the next transition.

UBC Budget

- Max:
 - Disappointed in the short turnaround time the University gave us to comment on their budget. Hopefully that will be resolved for future years.
 - Issues we want to bring up:
 - Empower Me
 - Youth in Care
 - Sexual Violence Response Office
 - Disappointed in the lack of detail about support for faculties.
 - We don't think the Excellence Fund is the best source of funds for general retention of faculty. Also don't think it should be used for maintenance etc.

- Sally: We want UBC to be transparent with its budgeting process.

When Women Rise

- Alan:
 - Working with UBC's Andrew Parr (Student Housing and Hospitality Services, or SHHS) on getting the statue put up.
 - This is the grad class gift of 2013, but there wasn't enough money in the gift fund to pay for it.
 - The agreement is that SHHS will pay for the statue upfront, and we will pay them back, \$10,000 a year.
 - It was either that or kill the project. We could decide not to go forward, but we've already spent money, and we have the ability to do this.
- Max: Where does the money come from?
- Alan:
 - From the annual grad class fee.
 - Paying \$10,000 a year will still leave \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year for other gifts – if the fee reduction referendum passes (if not, there will be much more).
 - The statue will be in Marine Drive on a plinth paid for by SHHS.
 - It will be maintained by SHHS.
 - Once the agreement is approved, the statue can be up by September.

MOVED Alan, SECONDED Pooja:

"That the Executive recommend to Council that it approve the MoU for putting up the When Women Rise statue."

... Carried

- Alan: There's also the grad class gift from 2016: a sign saying AMS Nest, to go up on the Knoll, with a time capsule under it. It will cost \$10,000.

Council

- Alan:
 - The statue MoU and another MoU with Common Energy.
 - Discussion Period topics:
 - Talking the Talk by Max.
 - Julian wants to talk about committee chairs posting agendas on the website. We can have the chairs cc the Archives, and Archives staff will post.
 - Julian says that in general students are surprised by some things at the AMS; there may be more girth to this issue.
 - The Common Energy agreement gives them the same rights as a club, a guaranteed office, and money (but less than under the previous agreement), and they will have responsibilities to do with the Lighter Footprint Strategy.

U-Hub Proposal

- Alan:
 - This is the sustainability group that wanted to open a thrift store on the lower level of the Nest.
 - We've been looking at different options:
 - Tenant
 - AMS Service
 - Lately they've been talking of expanding the idea to include an art gallery and a calendar.
 - When it was just a thrift store, it was interesting, but other groups already do the other things; we have an art gallery.
 - Do we want to continue?
- Max: Other ideas for the space?
- Alan: A full-time tenant. Trying to get a nails salon.
- Keith: We do get rent for the space now, from the Delly, which is using it as a storage area.
- Marium: Liability issues if a thrift store. There was a case of charity selling things through a thrift shop, and there were bedbugs. Could lead to a lawsuit.
- Keith: They won't launder the goods.
- Alan: It's a concern. So the answer is No?
- Max: Unless the proposal changes.
- Alan: The only way I see this working is if we run it as a service. We would do it our way with proper hygienics.
- Marium:
 - The Bike Co-op works because they have their own fee.
 - This group said they don't want to pursue a fee.
 - There would be a high cost to run it as our own service. We'd have to do cleaning, sorting.
- Alan: If not a service, this won't work with them as a tenant. If not a service, then just a straight No.
- The Executive agreed with that.

Updates

- Sally: Lobbying trip with SFSS, UVSS, and ABCS.
- Marium: New Student Services Manager within three weeks.
- Alan:
 - New Executive-elect.
 - Transition meetings.
 - Looking for goals.
 - Let's work together with them.
- Max: Bring them to your committee meetings. Staff transitions.

- Alan: Job descriptions for student staff ready for March 28.
- Max: Dual team meetings: past team and new team. Also a social event?
- Marium:
 - My team is doing transition reports for next SSM.
 - When I came in as SSM, the previous SSM took me to meetings.
- Alan: If all the new Execs come to Exec meetings, it will be too crowded.
- Max: Could invite a different new Exec to each meeting.
- Sheldon: I can send out what Code requires for transition.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.