



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 11, 2018

Attendance

Present: Marium Hamid (President), Max Holmes (VP Academic & University Affairs), Chris Hakim (VP Administration, arrived 10:45), Cristina Ilnitchi (VP External), Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Piers Fleming (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Jason Tockman (Policy Advisor)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am in Nest Room 3511.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Kuol, Cristina).

Minutes

- The minutes of August 7 and August 22 were approved as amended (Kuol, Max).

MEL and MHLP

- Kuol:
 - These are two Applied Science programs that run January-December.
 - The result is that the students in them are charged twice for their AMS fee.
- Sheldon: This came up a couple of years ago, and we amended Code to say they would pay only once.
- Kuol:
 - But their money was not refunded.
 - We've reached out to Enrolment Services about this.
- Marium: We need to tell Enrolment Services to implement this.
- Kuol: Can we refund retroactively?
- Marium: The money collected in past years has already been accounted for, but we should make sure they don't double-pay going forward.

Dr. Fidel Vila-Rodriguez

- Kuol:
 - He's a UBC professor doing research on intervention psychiatry and he's looking for AMS support for his work and participation on a committee.
 - He's looking to bring a service to campus.
- Marium:
 - If this project is not being sponsored by UBC Wellness, Student Health, or Counselling, then I'm not sure how comfortable I am with giving an AMS endorsement.
 - If it turns into a good service, then UBC will sponsor it.
 - None of us are experts on intervention therapy.
 - We do have programs like Empower Me, Speakeasy, and Vice, we provide input when UBC puts things forward, and we serve on UBC committees, but if it's something professional, let the professionals handle it.

ABS (the body formerly known as ABBA)

- Marium:
 - Trying to revive the Advisory Board (ABS).
 - We have some possible nominees (professional members and one student).
 - Still looking for one more student.
 - May want to make some changes, for instance adding a member. This would require a Code change.
 - Hopefully we can get a meeting arranged for October.

Financial Reports

- Kuol:
 - We are looking to receive reports from groups receiving dedicated student fees, both student groups and University units.
 - The idea is to see how they spend the money they receive from students.
 - Question about how to reach out to the various UBC units receiving AMS fees, e.g.:
 - Athletics & Recreation.
 - UBC Bursaries.
 - UBC Ombudsperson.
 - Go Global.
- Max:
 - Might be useful to split these groups into two: internal student groups and University units.
 - Easier to get these from the internal groups.
 - As to the University units, we should approach each of them informally first before sending them forms to fill out.

- Marium:
 - For Athletics and Recreation, there's a long history of us seeking information.
 - There are lots of connected A & R issues; best to have conversations.

[Chris arrived.]

- Piers: How have the internal groups reacted?
- Kuol: When I proposed quarterly reports, they said four reports was a lot of work, but we've reached agreement now on two reports a year.

SVPREP

- New Terms of Reference to come next time.

Audit

- Keith:
 - The audit is done, and we had a surplus last year.
 - Partly this was from renegotiating the building loan and saving on interest payments.
 - Also there was a higher enrolment than expected, and thus more in student fees.
 - Our long-term deficit is down to \$1 million.
- Marium: And because of the loan changes we are hoping to pay off the deficit this year.

Committee Appointments

- Chris will be the new Executive on the Governance Committee (replacing Max).
- Max is also stepping down from the Brewery Committee. That's a Councillor position that will be filled by Council. (Cristina continues as the Executive appointee on Brewery.)
- Max will serve on the UBC Wesbrook Scholarship Committee.

Hiring

- Keith:
 - Hired a SASC Manager.
 - New HR Manager starting on the 24th.
 - Have made a verbal offer to a new Communications Manager.
 - Doing second round of interviews for the Senior Manager of Student Services.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.