THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of November 21, 2018

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

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:13 am in Nest Room 3529.

Agenda
• The agenda was approved (Max, Kuol).

Minutes
• The minutes of November 14 were approved as amended (Cristina, Kuol).

IPF
• Kuol said the IPF (Innovative Projects Fund) is being revived:
  o The fund draws on money the University receives from the AMS and is supposed to be used for unique projects.
  o UBC will provide $35,000 a year.
  o There will be an adjudicating committee including three students named by the AMS.
  o Hoping to restart it as soon as possible, with applications accepted from now until January.
  o Need someone to do the administration.
  o May require new staff or additional staff time.
  o It doesn’t seem that the IPF has been used since 2008.
• Marium: Could UBC do the administrative work?
• Kuol: They would be okay with the AMS doing it.
• Marium:
  o I’m all for these funds, but this would be a lot of work for us.
  o UBC has a lot more resources.
  o It’s important that we be involved in the adjudicating, not the administration.
• Keith: The awards used to go to faculty and staff as well as students.
• Kuol:
  o Now they’re only going to be for students, unless a student wants to work with a faculty member.
  o There won’t be any awards for faculty members alone.
• Marium:
  o Let’s ask UBC to do the administrative work.
  o If that doesn’t happen, we can look at our options.
• Max: UBC is very good at doing this sort of administrative work and leaving the adjudication work to the adjudication committees.
• Kuol:
  o There’s also the question of naming three students to the adjudication committee.
  o One can be the VP Finance.
  o Who should the others be? Councillors or student staff?
• Marium: It depends on the time commitment.
• Piers: Maybe we should wait till we see if UBC is taking on the administrative work.

Thunderbird Sculpture
• Jason:
  o Grad Class Council in 2017 made a gift of a Thunderbird sculpture to the University.
  o The idea was to install it on a pillar in the Nest.
  o We contracted with Connie Watts, an artist of Nuu-chah-nulth, Gitxsan and Kwakwaka’wakw ancestry.
  o Since the sculpture would go on Musqueam land, we consulted with the Musqueam in early 2018.
  o They had several suggestions for changes to the design of the sculpture, many of which Connie did not agree to.
  o I am meeting with the Musqueam tomorrow to update them on the project, provide photos and a technical description, and transmit a letter from Connie explaining her design of the sculpture, as well as her artist’s statement.
  o Because we’re on Musqueam territory, and want to respect the Musqueam, it’s hard to see how we can move forward with the sculpture without their consent.
  o We will have to wait and see the results of tomorrow’s meeting, and subsequent responses from Musqueam.
• The consensus of the Executive was that it would not be comfortable moving forward with the sculpture without the consent of the Musqueam.
SVPREP (Sexual Violence Prevention and Responsible Environment Policy)

- Chris:
  - We are working on two separate policies: one on sexual violence and one on respectful environment.
  - Expecting first drafts in December.
  - Consultation in January.
  - Second drafts in February.
  - More consultation in March.
  - Council approval in late March or April.

Indigenous Committee

- Max:
  - Terms of Reference finalized and approved by Advocacy Committee.
  - Working with Sheldon to make sure the final version follows Code language.
  - Mostly wanted to make sure we followed what Indigenous students wanted.
  - This is a great step in the right direction.
  - Hope the new committee will be able to meet in the New Year as an AMS Extraordinary Committee, like the Advisory Board and the Elections Committee.

  - Keith: What about space?
  - Max: They have space now.
  - Keith: In perpetuity?
  - Marium: I’m fine with that. There is now a greater commitment from the AMS to Indigenous people.

Equity Caucus

- Cristina:
  - We’re in the second round of consultation.
  - Moving from the former structure of two caucuses (one for Equity and one for Student Issues) to a single Equity Caucus.
  - There is enthusiasm and support for this. It’s something the AMS needs.
  - We are working on accountability mechanisms.

I-9 (Executive Goals)

- Marium:
  - Goals will be sent to Council Friday.
  - Working on the presentation.
  - There will be a separate one for Services, taking 15 minutes.
  - Each Executive will have five minutes.
  - Focus on outcomes and impact, not on process.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.