



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

### AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 7, 2019

#### **Attendance**

Present: Marium Hamid (President), Max Holmes (VP Academic & University Affairs, left 2:40), Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance), Cristina Initchi (VP External, arrived 2:25), Piers Fleming (Student Services Manager), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Chris Hakim (VP Administration)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm in Nest Room 3511.

#### **Agenda**

- The agenda was approved (Max, Kuol).

#### **Minutes**

- The minutes of February 14 were approved as amended (Max, Kuol).

#### **Council Orientation**

- Marium:
  - We have been working on this in consultation with the Presidents Council.
  - They had lots of suggestions, including:
    - Something from SASC
    - Legal 101: what we can and cannot do
    - Budget: reimbursements, expectations
    - Resources
    - Services
  - The orientation will be held April 27-28 for new Councillors and Execs of Constituencies.
  - Will send invites.
  - Final agenda still to come.
- Discussion of ways to ensure attendance:
  - Tell them why this is important: incentivize them to come.

- Tell them that they need to come in order to be eligible for free tickets to Block Party and Welcome Back Barbecue.
  - Public shaming.
- Marium: If people have a good reason for not attending, there will be an online version of the orientation.

### **Council Timeline**

- Marium:
  - There has been talk of the need for Councillors to know the schedule of events.
  - I have given the committees a template for them to fill in everything that they are required to do by Bylaws, Code, etc.
  - The aim is to produce a timeline showing the dates when hiring, budgeting, appointments, reports, goals, etc. are to be done.
  - The aim is also to combine committee goals with committee reports.

### **Building signs**

- Keith:
  - Looking to put banners on pillars and doorways saying AMS Student Nest.
  - Similar to the banners on the Life Building.
- Marium: We could also hang a banner for Services in the Atrium of the Nest.
- Keith: Will come back with the costs.

### **I-9 (Executive Goals)**

- Final document is due end of March, early April.
- To be produced in an aesthetically pleasing format with the assistance of the Communications Department.

[Cristina arrives.]

- Marium: This is your chance to show off what you've done this year, things like the elimination of interest on student loans or the expansion of psychology coverage, the Food Bank, etc.
- Cristina: We're meeting with Minister Melanie Mark next Thursday to talk about the elimination of student loan interest.
- Marium: This was a big win for us.

[Max leaves.]

### **Announcements**

- Keith: We've hired a new Policy Advisor.

- Kuol: Money from the sale of the Lemieux art piece has been deposited in the Endowment Fund.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.