



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 25, 2019

Attendance

Present: Marium Hamid (President), Max Holmes (VP Academic & University Affairs), Cristina Ilnitchi (VP External), Chris Hakim (VP Administration), Piers Fleming (outgoing Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Patrick Meehan (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance), Ian Stone (incoming Student Services Manager), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm in Nest Room 3511.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Max, Cristina).

Minutes

- The minutes of April 11 were approved (Max, Cristina).

SVPREP (Sexual Violence Policy and Respectful Environment Policy)

- Chris:
 - This is being pushed back to May while we check legalities.
 - The Terms of Reference say the chair is the VP Admin.
 - It would be useful if I continue as chair because of my experience and for continuity, so I would suggest amending the ToR.
- The Executive agreed to amend the ToR to make the President chair.

Nest Sign

- Keith:
 - UBC's Campus & Community Planning rejected our Knoll sign.
 - They gave a number of reasons:
 - Aesthetics.
 - It's in the wrong place to be a wayfinding sign: should be on the other sign of the building, not on the Knoll.

- Marium: It should be on the Knoll; it belongs to students.
- Keith: The Grad Class Council did say to put it there: Student Nest, Student Knoll.

MOVED MAX, SECONDED CRISTINA:

“That the President and the VPAUA advocate to C&CP to install the Nest sign on the Knoll as directed by the Grad Class Council.”

... Carried

Grad Gifts

- Marium:
 - Multiple gifts were suggested, including a smoking gazebo, which the committee decided sent the wrong message (also we'd need yet another permit, and there would be issues with complying with the rule against smoking within 6 metres of a building).
 - So that one was not approved.
 - The approved gifts were:
 - \$5,000 for the Food Bank
 - \$2,500 for a hygiene fund for the Food Bank
 - at the suggestion of Zak Vescera of the *Ubysey*, \$5,000 to repair the Goddess of Democracy and install a new plaque, to show our commitment to resistance and to mark the Tiananmen anniversary
 - \$5,000 to the Indigenous Students Committee to decorate their space, provide art work, and pay for an opening ceremony.
 - There is still \$5,000 left.
 - We don't know the exact cost of the Goddess repairs, so there may be more money for other gifts
 - Chris to report back on this; Michael Kingsmill to be consulted on the Goddess.
 - Joanne will report the gifts to the Ceremonies Office.

Party Bus

- Max:
 - The AMS should have a bus.
 - C&CP would give us free parking.
 - Undergraduate societies and clubs could use it for retreats.
 - It could be the Pit shuttle bus.

MOVED MAX:

“That the Executive endorse the idea of buying a party bus.”

... Failed for lack of a seconder

Higher Education

- Max:
 - Having a dispensary in the Nest would be a good idea.
 - We could even develop a chain of dispensaries at various universities so that students could get all the good grass they need.

MOVED MAX, SECONDED CRISTINA:

“That the Executive endorse the idea of a cannabis dispensary in the Nest and explore the creation of a chain of dispensaries throughout Canada.”

MOVED MARIUM, SECONDED CRISTINA:

“That the motion be amended to strike the second half.”

... Carried, with Max opposed
 (“I like the original,” he said)

MOVED PIERS, SECONDED MAX:

“That the motion be amended to say that the President will be responsible for exploring this idea with UBC and reporting back to Council before the first Council meeting in September.”

... No objections

MOVED MAX, SECONDED CRISTINA:

“That the Executive endorse the idea of a cannabis dispensary in the Nest and that the President be responsible for exploring this idea with UBC and reporting back to Council before the first Council meeting in September.”

... No objections

Pit Stop

- Piers: We should have something on the way out of the Pit where you can keep drinking, buy liquor.
- Keith: We can't be a liquor store; it's in our lease.

Transition

- Marium: Transition reports from your staff?
- Piers: All mine were done last month.
- Others said theirs are in progress.

- Marium:
 - Talk to your successors about SCF's (for HR).
 - Orientation is next week.
 - Return keys, credit cards, and iPads.
 - Read the requirements for transitional honoraria.
 - Smartphone reimbursements.
 - Deal with pending receipts.
 - Return any AMS property.
 - Files: for shredding or archives.
 - Handle pending invoices.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.