



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of July 26, 2019

Attendance

Present: Chris Hakim (President), Julia Burnham (VP Academic & University Affairs), Lucia Liang (VP Finance), Cole Evans (VP Administration), Cristina Initchi (VP External), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Ian Stone (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 pm in Nest Room 3511.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Chris, Julia).

Minutes

- The minutes of July 12 were approved as amended (Cristina, Julia).

Academic Experience Survey (AES)

- Julia:
 - My staff has been working on the data with the Executive and is excited to present the report at next week's Council meeting.
- Cristina: There are more recommendations than before.
- Julia:
 - Yes, which aligns with our approach of becoming a more data-driven society.
 - The AES is a catch-all for all things not captured in Executive goals.
 - Brainstorming with the Executive led to solutions meant to address various issues the AMS should be tackling.
- There was some discussion of the margin of error in some results.
- Cristina: Some of the recommendations are continuations.
- Julia: Yes.
- There was consensus to send the presentation on the AES to Council.

Capital Projects

- Cole:
 - Construction has started on the Norm Theatre upgrades and on the new student lounge/Clubs Resource Centre (CRC).
 - The projects are going well and are on budget.
 - Will keep you posted about Phase 2 of the Norm project.
- Abdul: When will the CRC open?
- Cole:
 - It's on schedule for the end of August or beginning of September.
 - Announced in the Clubs Newsletter.
 - May do some advertising.

September Board of Governors meeting

- Julia:
 - It's in the Okanagan.
 - Chris and I are going there to do a presentation on the AMS.
- Cristina:
 - Last year all the Executives contributed blurbs for the presentation.
 - Will that be done this year?
- Julia: We'll chat.

Stadium Road Neighbourhood

- Julia:
 - Working on a campaign to engage students, staff, and faculty to support more housing.
 - A group of residents has petitioned against further development.
 - We're hoping to do a counter-petition to show that students, staff, and faculty do care about housing.
 - I will bring a draft of our petition and a timeline to the next Exec meeting.

SVPREP (Sexual Violence Policy & Respectful Environment Policy)

- Chris:
 - The working group finished its work and has produced new policies, supplemental report forms, a final report, and seven recommendations.
 - Three necessary steps to take now are:
 - Hire a Deputy Ombudsperson.
 - Training.
 - Creating an implementation working group.
 - Aiming to pass what the working group did at the July 31 Council meeting
 - Aiming to complete the three necessary steps by August 21.
 - Aiming to implement the other recommendations within the year.

- Also bringing in some investigation guidelines.
- Cristina: This is the result of a lot of work over the past year. We owe thanks to Chris.
- Chris: It was the working group.
- The consensus was to send the package to Council.

Zero Waste Strategy

- Cole:
 - Council mandated me and the Sustainability Subcommittee to report in September on implementing UBC's Zero Waste Strategy.
 - Now having done our June report we will work on that.
 - We will be engaging senior management and sending something out shortly.
- Keith: Are there financial considerations for the budget?
- Cole:
 - These will be factored in, and we'll send the information to you and Lucia, addressing any loss of profit that may result.
 - UBC is receptive to us having to take some time to make sure we don't skewer our operations.
- Abdul: Will there be exceptions for the Food Bank?
- Cole:
 - Exactly.
 - It's a framework/strategy: no tariffs for not following.
 - It's something to align with.

Grad Class Gifts

- Keith:
 - Two old gifts:
 - Thunderbird decoration in the Lower Atrium.
 - Knoll sign.
 - Both are floating, not happening.
 - UBC Planning said no to the Knoll sign; they don't like it.
- Cole:
 - Going to email Leona Sparrow (of the Musqueam) about the Thunderbird sculpture.
 - On the Knoll sign, Michael Kingsmill is communicating with Campus & Community Planning (C & CP).
 - There's a suggestion that we put the sign at the front of the Nest instead of on the Knoll.
 - UBC has restrictions on sign size: those may also require us to remove the large Porch lettering.
- Keith: They've been asking about the Porch sign for a while, though their own Life Building has equally large letters.

- Chris:
 - We'll probably contact C & CP about the Knoll sign.
 - Cole will update us about the sculpture.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.