



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

## AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 6, 2019

### Attendance

Present: Chris Hakim (President), Julia Burnham (VP Academic), Lucia Liang (VP Finance), Cristina Initchi (VP External Affairs), Cole Evans (VP Administration), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Services Manager), Ian Stone (SSM)

Regrets: Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Abdul Alnaar

### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 12:17 pm.

### Agenda

- The agenda was adopted (Julia, Chris).

### Minutes

- The minutes from the August 16, 2019 meeting were approved (Julia, Lucia).

### AMS SASC/CUPE Local 1396 Collective Agreement

- Chris:
  - We have completed collective bargaining with CUPE Local 1396 for the SASC Unit.
  - This negotiation process has taken over a year to complete.
  - Both parties are very happy with the agreement and I would like us to recommend to AMS Council that it ratify this Agreement.
  - The Union will ratify the Agreement in the near future.
- The Executive Committee recommended to AMS Council that it approve the AMS SASC/CUPE Local 1396 Collective Agreement.

### SVRPI Working Group

- Chris:
  - Sent over the final draft of the terms of reference for the SVRPI Working Group.
  - We consulted with the various departments on this document.
  - Looking for approval from this Committee to establish the Working Group.

- Julia:
  - Should I be added to the terms of reference since I am on the Policy 131 Review Committee?
- Chris:
  - The main purpose of the Working Group is internal coordination not advocacy.
  - I can talk to you if there is anything that needs work on the University's end.
- The Executive Committee approved the SVRPI Working Group terms of reference.

**Empower Me**

- Chris:
  - We finalized an MoU with UBC and StudentCare on continuing the Empower Me service.
  - In this MoU, UBC will take on 100% of the costs of the service.
  - In addition, the service will now be available to all UBC students, not just those opted into the Health and Dental Plan.
- Keith:
  - How many years is the MoU?
- Chris:
  - One year.
  - The University is waiting to see how the province's mental health hotline will play out before deciding to continue Empower Me for the long-term.
- Julia:
  - Will international students be included?
- Chris:
  - All students will be covered.

**Policy 131 (UBC's Sexual Violence Policy)**

- Julia:
  - The Policy 131 Review Committee had its first meeting yesterday.
  - Items will be brought to the Board for community consultation in December.
- Cristina:
  - How was the first meeting?
- Julia:
  - Lot's of work still needs to be done.
- Cristina:
  - What's the plan to work with SASC?
- Julia:
  - I keep Annette from SASC in the loop on everything.

**Welcome Back BBQ**

- Keith:
  - We sold out on our first week kits.
  - We have sold about 4,500 tickets so far.
- Julia:
  - Will we sell out?
- Keith:
  - Yes, usually there is a spike in ticket sales in the last week.

**UNA**

- Cristina:
  - I wanted to give an update on the UNA bylaw review changes.
  - The changes will come for a vote in February.
  - We should likely solidify our position knowing that the UNA does not want to change its position.
  - I do not think compromising on observer status should be the way to go since we would not get a change to properly engage with the UNA.
- Chris:
  - We should push for a student seat on the UNA.
  - The model should be similar to how the UBC Board of Governors does it where some Governors have three-year terms, but the student Governors have one-year terms.
  - Observer status does not recognize students as an important stakeholder.
- Cristina:
  - We'll look to push for a student seat then.

**UBC Pride Event**

- Abdul:
  - Come out to the UBC Pride Event.
  - We have Safewalk and SASC available during the event in case anything happens.

**Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.