



## THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF UBC VANCOUVER

### AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 1, 2019

#### Attendance

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

Regrets: Julia Burnham (VP Academic & University Affairs), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

#### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm in Room 3511.

#### Agenda

- The agenda was adopted (Chris, Cole).

#### Minutes

- The minutes of October 11 and October 18 were approved as corrected (Cristina, Chris).

#### SVRPI (Sexual Violence and Respectful Policy Implementation Working Group)

- Chris:
  - Update:
    - Working on materials.
    - Working on rebrand and changed compensation for the Ombudsoffice.
    - My staff are writing up the feedback process.
    - Procedural fairness training being planned for next week.
- Cristina: Where will updates and minutes from this group go?
- Chris:
  - Here, to the Executive Committee.
  - Later this month.
  - It began meeting in October.

#### Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC)

- Cole:
  - The report is done.

- It's important, given the recent high profile events and national media attention.
- The report could end up being quoted by the media on such things as the recommendation to remove the IFC as a club.
- I'm suggesting a motion from Council to accept the report, so it's not just coming from me.
- If Council approves it, that means it's been ratified by our Board.
- Chris: Did the Operations Committee approve it?
- Cole:
  - It's been sent to them, but not approved yet: they don't have to approve, according to the Council motion.
  - Council asked for a report from the VP Administration, done in coordination with the Operations Committee.
- Cristina:
  - Will the recommendations all apply if the IFC isn't a club anymore?
  - For instance, the recommendation that the Advocacy Committee should review our relationship with Greek Life.
- Cole:
  - That's there because if we remove them as a club, they become an external organization and it becomes a VPAUA and VP External issue.
  - This is something suggested by OpsCom.
- Chris:
  - You recommend an MoU to clarify our relationship. What is your intention with that?
- Cole:
  - An agreement to outline responsibilities.
  - They might get booking privileges in return for certain responsibilities.
  - Not sure exactly what it would look like.
- Chris:
  - We don't want to replicate the liability situation we may have now.
  - But thanks for all the work on this.
- Cole:
  - It was easier after the conversation with the IFC.
  - Everyone was on the same page.
  - They said they shouldn't be a club.
- Chris: Council will vote on the report.
- Cole: If Council accepts it, I will take that to mean they want me to carry out the recommendations.

## **New Table**

- Cole:
  - Buying a new table for this room.
  - OpsCom has approved the allocation from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund, and it has to go to Council because it's more than 0.5% of the amount in the fund.

- It's an expensive table, made of maple, but we got it on sale for \$1,700.
  - It won't look the same as our other tables.
- Chris: Can we instead look at tables similar to the ones we have?
- Cole: Those tables are so bad
- Lucia: A wood table will get scratched.
- Cole: It's specifically designed for commercial use. Of course, all tables suffer wear and tear. The one we have now has certainly suffered.
- Lucia: Why get something that's the most expensive?
- Cole: It's not the most expensive.
- Chris: Can you take a second look?
- [It was established that, according to Code, for this size of expenditure only one committee's approval is required, so the request can go to Council from the Operations Committee alone.]
- Cole: OpsCom has approved, so I'm going to go with that.

### **Loan renewal**

- Keith:
  - The loan from RBC for the building just renewed for another three years.
  - They reviewed our payments, whether we've had any defaults, and we're all good.
- Cristina: Can we negotiate better terms?
- Keith: We got a really good deal when we negotiated this one.
- Chris: When will we finish paying?
- Keith: 17 years from now.

### **Cannabis**

- Cristina: Where are we at with the cannabis dispensary?
- Chris:
  - UBC Campus & Community Planning (C&CP) is still developing a process: they're going to replicate what the City of Vancouver does, which is a slow, arduous process.
  - I did ask why UBC can't have a different, unique process.
  - They said such a thing could go to the Board of Governors: we would have to show community support.
  - Could put a question on that in the Nest Experience Survey.
  - It could take a year or two for C&CP to get a process, following the City of Vancouver. Vancouver is working on that.

### **Committee Chairs**

- Cristina: What has evolved?
- Chris:
  - Everyone I hope is sending in reports and minutes from their committees.

- Discussed the issue with the Chair of Governance, focusing on the issue of Executives chairing standing committees: maybe we should look at changing the rules to make sure Executives do not chair committees.

## **AGM**

- Chris:
  - Report to Student Life.
  - Going forward, the idea is to provide a transition, including:
    - Background on AGM's.
    - Bylaw requirements.
    - Three-month timeline, including planning, meeting the bylaw requirements, meeting with people.
  - The President's Office will be the lead and will have to hire someone by August to work on the AGM.
  - Council should set the AGM date early in August.
  - We looked at other student unions' websites to see if they do anything different from us; some of them have lower quorums.
  - The Governance Committee will also look at updating our bylaws to make sure they comply with the new Societies Act.

## **Hot Dog Cart**

- Cristina:
  - How much did it cost?
  - What are we doing with it?
- Keith:
  - We bought it two years ago, but it's never been used.
  - Just after we bought it, the City of Vancouver brought in new regulations on sanitation, which would require us to have a water supply.
  - We're in the process of selling the cart.
- Cristina: How long have we been trying to sell it?
- Keith: Since the beginning of summer. We've contacted the original supplier to see if they'll take it back.
- Cristina: Maybe we could use it as a coffee cart at Blue Chip.
- Keith: We have a coffee cart for Blue Chip, but we haven't had to use it because the new machines have improved things.
- Cristina: Can we use the coffee cart for boothing? Provide free coffee at IKB?
- Chris: Wouldn't we need a special food safety licence?
- Keith: We can do that.

## **Health and Dental RFP**

- Keith:
  - We were talking to three providers.
  - One dropped out.

- That leaves our existing provider and one other.
- The RFP is going out in mid-November.
- Answers should come in by mid-December.
- Sheldon: Last time Cristina was asking about Studentcare making a report to Council.
- Chris: They're coming to the second meeting in November.

### **Bookings RFI**

- Cole:
  - Sent out a Request for Interest to bookings software providers.
  - Very exploratory.
- Keith: For all bookings or just for clubs? Because Conferences & Catering (C&C) is looking at vendors as well. Have you spoken to them?
- Cole: Spoke to C&C a way back, but it's been a while. In the RFI we outline everything we do, but we're more focused on the clubs side.
- Keith: I can have Christine from C&C speak to you.
- Cole: Wouldn't want to waste her time until we have something more substantial, but if we get responses, then we can coordinate more.
- Chris:
  - Maybe look at the Bookings Policy.
  - Some clubs book three times a week.
  - Perhaps we should limit the number of bookings.
- Cole: Yes, that's a separate issue, a separate conversation.

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 pm.