



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 15, 2019

Attendance

Present: Chris Hakim (President), Lucia Liang (VP Finance), Cristina Initchi (VP External), Cole Evans (VP Administration), Julia Burnham (VP Academic & University Affairs), 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 12:07 pm in Nest Room 3511.

Agenda

- The agenda was adopted (Chris, Cristina).

Minutes

- The minutes from November 8 were approved as amended (Cristina, Julia).

Transit Strike

- Cristina:
 - Conversations have broken off, and new disruptions to students and other transit users are expected.
 - Our messaging is that we understand the disruptions for students and other transit users and the importance for transit operators to take people where they need to go.
 - We're talking to UBC about how they are going to address the issue.
 - Want to make sure students are not bearing the burden.
 - Going to put out information on alternatives (carshare, rideshare).
- Cole: Can we keep the building open 24/7? The Operations Committee is asking about this in the event of a larger strike.
- Keith:
 - We trialled this before: people didn't want to be here.
 - It's theoretically possible, and would not cost a huge amount.
- Abdul: What happened during the 2001 strike? What did the AMS do?
- Sheldon said he would look into that.
- Cristina said she would look into what is said in the U-Pass contract.

Executive Goals

- Chris: Today is the deadline.

Norm Theatre

- Cole:
 - The reopening event is happening.
 - We've sold 323 tickets and are on a path to selling out.
 - Collaborating with Filmsoc and Improv.
 - Lots of excitement on Facebook.
 - Next term looking for larger inter-club cooperation: Maybe have a club crawl event.
 - Want to start Pit club nights: clubs would sponsor a night.
- Lucia: On Wednesdays?
- Cole:
 - Probably a themed Pit night, e.g., the Ski and Board Club partnering with the Pit.
 - Might make more sense on a Thursday.
- Abdul: We used to do things like that: Gallery trivia nights.
- Sheldon: We used to have club coatcheck nights in the Pit.
- Cristina: There's a bigger project here about the terms of using space?
- Cole:
 - Looking at a separate booking process, theatre bookings.
 - That would be the next phase of the Norm project.
 - Need to get money for it, maybe from UBC's capital funds.
 - I've had a conversation with some clubs that would use the Norm; we discussed what the proposed project might be. The name would be Project Spotlight.
 - Potential renderings by Michael Kingsmill.
 - Contingent on the money.
- Cristina: Timeline for the project?
- Cole: I'll have something within the next week.

Equity Plan RFP

- Cristina:
 - Meeting stakeholders in the AMS to discuss what this will look like.
 - Getting good feedback.
 - The plan connects to our work.
 - It's going well so far.

[Julia left.]

Services Review

- Abdul:
 - Finished planning for survey.
 - SASC working on this.
 - Completed data collection from the Services.
 - Next step: a working group meeting.
 - I know Council had a question about Councillor involvement.
 - It would be good to involve the entire Council in a Consultation Period or through Executive updates.
 - I think that would be better than having one Councillor on the working group, but I would be happy to have a Councillor on the working group if the Executive wants to amend the terms of reference.
 - In previous reviews, the way Council was consulted was at the end.
 - We could extend a survey to Councillors, seek feedback.
 - Council is usually more involved once the presentation is made to them.
 - Last time that was when Council discussed ending Volunteer Avenue and creating new Services.

[Ian leaves.]

- Cole:
 - Makes more sense to involve Council later.
 - They would be consulted on the recommendations.

[Lucia leaves.]

- Chris:
 - If you compile a report and present, you'll get more response than if you add a Councillor to the working group.
 - But there was a request for a seat.
- Abdul: I'm open to that. It's up to the Executive to decide.
- Cole:
 - You can put a seat on for a Councillor and they can contribute.
 - But then proceed with a report to Council to get further feedback then.
- Cristina:
 - The ToR laid out the reason for every person on the working group.
 - They each had something to contribute.
 - Bringing in Councillors is part of the larger process.
- Abdul:
 - The plan is to finish the review and produce a report by January.
 - Then consult with the Executive and then with Council, February through April.
- Cole:
 - Is there a negative to putting a Councillor on the working group?

- What does Abdul want?
- Abdul:
 - My intention is to get Councillors involved.
 - Better than putting one Councillor on the working group would be to involve everyone during Council time.

[Lucia returned.]

Board and Senate office

- Chris: Any movement on this?
- Cole:
 - Not yet.
 - We suspended the Code requiring they have an office.
 - The plan then was to give the Board and Senate student reps a permanent office in May.
 - Now we're looking at something interim.
 - But haven't received strong demands from the student Senators and BoG reps. They seem mostly indifferent.
- Chris: If we're not going to give them space, we should just remove that section of Code.
- Cole:
 - It's important that they have space.
 - Just operationally now it's a problem.
 - And as I say, no one's banging on our door demanding it.
 - Could give them space as soon as next week in Life 17, but that's a bookable room used by clubs.
 - I'm reluctant to tell clubs that the space they used to book has been given to BoG and Senate.
- Abdul:
 - Could bring this to Governance. Is this a good use of our space?
- Cole:
 - Have had discussions on this in OpsCom, and there are BoG/Senate members on OpsCom for whom it didn't seem an urgent issue.
 - Once we open the hallway where Finance and Events are, we can put an office there: the long-term vision is to have BoG/Senate, Ombuds, and Elections there.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.