Attendance

Present: Chris Hakim (President), Lucia Liang (VP Finance), Cristina Ilnitchi (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.