Attendance
Present: Chris Hakim (President), Julia Burnham (VP Academic & University Affairs), Cristina Ilnitchi (VP External), Cole Evans (VP Administration), Lucia Liang (VP Finance), 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 2:09 pm and took place by teleconference.

Agenda
- The agenda was adopted (Chris, Cristina).

Minutes
- The minutes of March 27 were approved (Chris, Lucia).

Policies Review
- Chris:
  - Sent out the reviews of the policies that the Executive was assigned by the Steering Committee.
  - Looking for approval here.
- Cristina:
  - Repealing outdated policies. Seems practical.
  - The policy most relevant to me is the one on joining and leaving external organizations, which is being replaced by some Code provisions.
  - It makes a lot more sense in the Code.
  - What’s in the Code is more known than the policies, so this adds an important layer of accountability.

MOVED CHRIS, SECONDED CRISTINA:
“That the policy changes be approved and sent to Council.”
... Carried
Governance Changes related to COVID-19

- **Chris:**
  - Sent out last night.
  - Council asked that we ensure we can be flexible during COVID.
  - Other institutions are making similar changes to ensure effective decision-making.
  - The measures include:
    - Email voting by Council
    - Email approvals made simpler at committees
    - Reports to Council to be written, not oral
    - Written updates to committee chairs
    - Offline decisions to be noted in minutes.

- **Cristina:**
  - Overall great.
  - Maybe better if the committees can follow the model of Executive updates: try to pull together what they decided in committee and put it into one document.
  - That can just be something done in practice.

- **Chris:**
  - Absolutely.

  **MOVED CHRIS, SECONDED LUCIA:**

  “That the changes be sent to Council.”

  ... Carried

CiTR appointments

- **Chris:**
  - Been talking to the CiTR board.
  - They’re trying to ensure continuity during COVID-19 and have asked if we can do early reappointment of the AMS representatives on their board.
  - Lucia will automatically continue to sit as the VP Finance.
  - The suggestion is that we reappoint Max and myself.
  - I will still qualify because one of the positions is open to students at large.
  - Max’s appointment would be for another two-year term. Mine would be for one year.

  - The Executive agreed to send this to Council.

COVID-19 and Government

- **Cristina:**
  - Federal government
o Been doing advocacy to the federal government, with UCRU (Undergraduates at Canadian Research-intensive Universities) and OUSA (the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance), about the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit for those ineligible for EI.
o About students and recent graduates falling through the cracks.
o Been talking to CASA, the CFS, and other student unions to try to coalesce around a recommendation or assertion that this is an issue: we all seem on the same page.
o There have been grassroots petitions.
o Meanwhile we’re continuing to talk to MP’s and their staffers and have written a letter to ask for better support for students.
o We received a response from the federal government this morning, saying something is in the works, which is good to know.
o We are prepared for further discussions.

Provincial government:
o The BC government has announced supports for domestic students and Indigenous students.
o This will be delivered to institutions to be delivered to students.
o It will be really valuable.
o I’ve emailed UBC Finance to have a conversation about allocation and distribution.
o Want to discuss potential barriers.
o Haven’t heard back yet.
• Keith:
o Announcement this morning of $100 million for food banks.
o Abdul and Ian are trying to get some of that.
• Abdul:
o SASC and I were on a call about funding for organizations that deal with gender-based violence.
o Unfortunately, there is a requirement to be a charity; we can’t access if that’s the case.
• Cristina:
o I expect that charity status will be required for the funding for both food banks and gender-based violence.
o Happy to help on this; can bring this issue up.
• Chris:
o Are we expecting support for international students?
• Cristina:
o When they made the announcement about domestic students, the province said it was discussing international students.
o It’s a gap.
We need to find a way to identify financial hardship funding.

- Chris:
  - Have we looked into the 75% wage subsidy?

- Keith:
  - We have applied for it.
  - Don’t know when we will hear back: maybe end of the month.

U-Pass

- Cristina:
  - A lot of students have been emailing me and their Faculty reps.
  - Students are continuing to pay for U-Pass even though buses are now free (though there are still fares for SkyTrain and SeaBus).
  - Also, a lot of students are not using transit because of social distancing.
  - I’ve been in contact with TransLink and with other student unions to reach agreement on how to move forward.
  - Hoping to find a way to support students this month and beyond.

Nest Closure Update

- Keith:
  - Originally we were going to reopen April 14, but that doesn’t seem realistic.
  - Thinking May, and even that could change.

- Chris:
  - We can send out May 1 as a message with caveats.

- Cristina:
  - Why don’t we say until further notice?

- Chris:
  - That’s a better idea.

Thank You

- Chris:
  - A big thank you to Keith, Lucia, and Cole for their work on the next fiscal year.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.