Attendance
Present: Cole Evans (President), Lucia Liang (VP Finance), Georgia Yee (VP Academic & University Affairs), Sylvester Mensah Jr. (VP Administration), Kalith Nanayakkara (VP External), 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 12:14 pm and took place by videoconference.

Agenda
• The agenda was adopted (Cole, Kalith).

Minutes
• The minutes of May 13 were approved (Sylvester, Georgia).

Updates
• Ian:
  o Safewalk hiring.
  o Food Bank operating.
  o Applying for Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) funding.
  o Another assistant for the Food Bank.
  o Research into a new housing service.
• Cole:
  o Other parts of the AMS could use CSJ funding: can it be expanded?
• Abdul:
  o This year our HR department has streamlined how that can work.
• Cole:
  o We can benefit a lot.
• Lucia:
  o Budget, quarterly reporting.
  o Transitioning a new AVP.
  o Treasurers’ budgets.
  o Ticketing service.
  o Renegotiating our pricing with SAP Concur (financial administration system).
My team is back in the office, and we’re looking at expenditures for clubs.

Finance Committee and Health & Dental Committee.

- Sylvester:
  - Transitioning my team.
  - Finalizing executive orientations for clubs (on Zoom).
  - CampusGroups:
    - Data access report to UBC about CWL’s.
    - My team chose a name: AMS Campus Base: we will figure out the branding.
  - Bookings: Putting together a survey of clubs regarding their use of the Nest.
  - Until further notice there will be no club activities in the Nest this summer.

- Kalith:
  - COVID page on website updated.
  - Social media campaign about the update.
  - Working hard on BC budget submission.
    - Consultation with other student unions.
    - Two asks:
      - Open Educational Resources
      - Funding for postsecondary institutions.
    - Also looking at support for international students: they’ve been left out of government programs.
  - Bill 23 (on sexual misconduct policies): looking at gaps.
  - U-Pass: looking for a solution.
  - UCRU (Undergraduates at Canadian Research-intensive Universities):
    - Elections: May run for vice-chair.
    - Working to make UCRU more of an organization, less ad hoc.

- Keith:
  - Year-end, and auditors will be coming.
  - Blue Chip is reopening as part of the Nest reopening. Signs are up.
  - Business numbers for the quarterly report are a little delayed.

- Georgia:
  - Shifting from the traditional Textbook Broke campaign to a new iteration.
  - COVID-19 survey with the GSS.
  - Community engagement.
  - Impact Grants.
  - VP Academic Caucus.
  - BoG submission about financial support: looking to make it more accessible.
  - UBC Policy SC-17 (on sexual misconduct): provincial discussion.

- Cole:
  - Working on everything: the budget, etc.
Blue Chip
  • Keith:
    o Opened this morning.
    o About two dozen customers, and they weren’t all staff.
    o On track to reopen the Gallery and the Honour Roll next week.
    o The Gallery will initially be open for take-out only; there will be limited seating later.
    o Using Uber Eats for delivery.
  • Cole:
    o Larger chains are opening and allowing in person seating in groups of no more than six.
    o Good for us to start with just take-out, but good to plan for seating.

COVID-19 Survey
  • Georgia:
    o Impact survey.
    o Gathering data on what students are encountering.
    o The Academic Experience Survey policy says we can only do two surveys a year, and we are doing the Academic Experience Survey and the Nest Experience Survey.
    o But the policy also says we can recommend to Council that they approve an additional survey, and this one would definitely be valuable to us to find out about pressing issues, what students are concerned about.
  • Kalith:
    o Incentive?
  • Georgia:
    o Five $100 gift cards.
  • Kalith:
    o I worry about not getting enough responses.
  • Georgia:
    o We can look at the budget.
  • Kalith:
    o We should look at previous surveys. See how they were marketed.
    o And I’m concerned about the length.
  • Cole:
    o Last year for the Nest survey we gave out $700 worth of prizes and got 2700 responses.
    o It was similar for the Academic Experience Survey.
    o As to length, you should test that: the AES took about 20 minutes to complete; the Nest survey about 10-15 minutes.
    o You probably want something that takes 10-15 minutes. No more.
Georgia:
  o Planning a test run for timing.
  o There’s a different branch for graduate students: there are questions relevant to undergraduates and questions relevant to graduate students.

Kalith:
  o What kind of gift cards?
  o If they’re for the AMS, and students are not here, they won’t be able to use them.

Georgia:
  o Visa. Lots of flexibility.
  o It’s the incentive students will want.

MOVED GEORGIA, SECONDED SYLVESTER:

“That the Executive Committee recommend to Council that, in accordance with Policy I-12, it authorize a survey of the membership on the impact of COVID-19.”

... Carried

PIPA Review

Sheldon:
  o Every six years the government conducts a review of the Personal Information Protection Act, and they’re doing one now and inviting submissions.
  o Kalith, Cole, and I will be meeting on this tomorrow, and if any of you have thoughts about the privacy rules under PIPA, let me know.
  o We may ask for clearer rules on publishing photographs (we publish photos in an online photo collection of historical AMS photographs).
  o We may also ask for something to be added to the Act to authorize the transfer of information from public bodies like the University to private organizations like us.

Georgia:
  o Our recent referendum on records raised issues about transparency.
  o How do we reconcile student concerns about that and our current records policy?
  o Do our bylaws allow us to restrict access?

Sheldon:
  o The PIPA review is only about the privacy of personal information.
  o Our bylaws follow PIPA, and even if they didn’t, we would still have to follow PIPA, which restricts access to documents containing personal information.
  o The referendum and the records policy are a different issue: about limiting access to other sorts of records.
Council Governance

- Cole:
  - I’m going to ask Council to extend the Code suspension to allow email voting by committees even for issues that haven’t been discussed in person. Also to allow our reports to Council to be written instead of oral.
  - Is there anything else people would like to see changed at Council meetings?
- Georgia:
  - The selection process for speakers.
  - People are speaking multiple times.
  - Can we distinguish primary, secondary, tertiary?
- Cole:
  - People are actually supposed to speak no more than twice on any motion: it’s in Robert’s Rules.
  - And we can have it so those wishing to speak a second time have to wait till everyone else who wants to has spoken once.
- Abdul:
  - I used to do that when I was Speaker.
- Cole:
  - I can speak to Karim (the current Speaker).
- Georgia:
  - Maybe we need something about online meetings, communicating what we can expect.
  - Something enshrined in our rules to say this is how online meetings work.

MOVED COLE, SECONDED LUCIA:

“That the Executive approve asking Council to vote by email to extend the Code suspension concerning email voting by committees and concerning written reports and remarks to Council.”

... Carried

- Cole:
  - I will actually do this using OnBoard.
  - Code says email voting, but I don’t think people will be concerned if we use OnBoard.
  - I’ll still be sending out the call for the vote by email.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.