THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of August 5, 2020

Attendance
Present: Cole Evans (President), Lucia Liang (VP Finance), Georgia Yee (VP Academic & University Affairs), 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)

Regrets: Sylvester Mensah Jr. (VP Administration)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
• The meeting was called to order at 12:17 pm and took place by videoconference.

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

Minutes
• The minutes of July 29 were approved as corrected (Cole, Georgia).

Updates
• Lucia’s update:
  o Budgets. Using reserves.
  o Reports for Fincom.
  o Loan rubric.
  o Contacting clubs about deficits.
  o Health & Dental: Qualtrics survey form.
• Keith:
  o Next Health & Dental meeting?
• Lucia:
  o Writing Studentcare about international opt-outs.
  o Waiting on numbers.
• Kalith’s update:
  o UCRU governance committee developing bylaws. Will bring to Exec.
  o Presentation tonight to Council on UCRU: explaining UCRU to them.
Transit plan for the fall: Potential opt-out system if TransLink allows.
Video with MP Joyce Murray (federal Minister of Digital Government): to educate students on what the Minister does.
Policy papers on equity-based grants.
Speaking to the Indigenous Committee to build a relationship with them.
Transit subsidy:
  ▪ More applicants, but still working to get more.
UNA Special General Meeting coming up.

Georgia’s update:
Presentations coming on the Academic Experience Survey and the COVID survey.
Coordinating anti-racism campaigns on how to empower students, how they can access resources.
  ▪ Culturally appropriate mental health resources.
  ▪ There are pockets of money at UBC, but no dedicated reservoir for these resources.
  ▪ This is a priority.
  ▪ Equity and Inclusion.
Big thing: Climate Emergency engagement.
  ▪ Presented to the Associate Deans.
  ▪ Creating inter-disciplinary resources for courses around climate literacy.
Looking into collection of data when students register: on non-binary genders; race-based data; income-based data.
Scheduling project: accessibility, commuter students.
COVID-19 clauses in residence contracts.
Reaching out to the RHA (Residence Hall Association): establishing what that relationship will look like.

Ian’s update:
Food Bank:
  ▪ Interviews for a second assistant coordinator who will manage the volunteers.
Safewalk:
  ▪ Interviews to get team ready.
  ▪ Safewalk starting on August 17, later than anticipated.
  ▪ New dispatch software: same price range as previously.
Tutoring:
  ▪ Interviews.
  ▪ Revamped the hiring process.
  ▪ Nimbus app.
Peers Support:
- Interviews.
- Changing the hiring process to make it more fun.
- Outreach: working with First Week.

Housing:
- Cole and I interviewed an applicant.
- Conversation with Concordia about their co-op student housing program.
- Data collection through Campus Base.

Abdul:
- Is the Executive interested in joining the Services for a Resource Fair?
- Did this last year.
- Jump Start September 1: different times, different time zones.

Keith’s update:
- Auditors.
- Helping Lucia with budget and Health & Dental.
- Going to Council for approval of the replacement for the CCTV server.
- Air conditioning project: sticker shock. Reviewing it. Maybe do it next summer?
- Opening more business outlets in September.
- A/V replacement.
- Expense management system approved at Fincom.

Equity Plan Steering Committee
- Cole:
  - Need to appoint an Executive.
  - Committee already includes me and my assistant Niki (she will chair), along with two Councillors and three students from marginalized communities:
    - We are inviting a representative from the Resource Groups and one each from the Black Students Union and the Indigenous Committee.
    - They’ll get honorariums.
  - Georgia:
    - Also important to represent all the intersectional groups.
  - Cole:
    - This is just for the Steering Committee.
    - We could put 30 people on it, but that would not produce an effective Steering Committee process.
    - Other groups will be consulted.
    - The reps on the committee will speak to and relay from other groups, e.g., if the Resource Group rep is from the Social Justice Centre, they will speak to other Resource Groups.
• Georgia volunteered to serve as the Executive on the committee, and was approved by the Executive.
• Cole:
  o The Steering Committee should get off the ground sometime this month.

Adjournment
• The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.