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), Ian Stone (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
• The meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm and took place by videoconference.

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

Minutes
• The minutes of June 24 were approved (Kalith, Georgia).

Updates
• Georgia’s update:
  o UBC’s Climate Emergency Task Force:
    ▪ Hope its recommendations will be implemented.
    ▪ Meeting with student groups that are working to hold UBC accountable to its climate emergency action plans.
  o Talking to the Advocacy Committee Chair about working towards a just future after the COVID pandemic.
  o Reacting to Proctorio concerns.
  o Student Well-Being Fund:
    ▪ Looking to push for training in mental health.
    ▪ Also recruitment of Black and Indigenous counsellors.
  o Digital meal donation program.
  o Implementation of UBC’s Policy SC-17 (on sexual misconduct):
    ▪ Pushing for student representation from SASC and the AMS.
Great meeting with UBC’s Andrew Parr (Student Housing & Hospitality):
  - About the 8% commission on the UBC card.

Keith:
  - Did he have an update on numbers?

Georgia:
  - 50% occupancy across the residences.
  - The only first year residence will be Orchard Commons.
  - There will be a low number of first-year residents.
  - There will be 95% occupancy for year-round residents: pretty high.
  - Fairview and Walter Gage will have 50-60% occupancy.
  - Going to be receiving weekly reports.

Keith:
  - That’s good news.
  - It means there will be quite a few people on campus.

Georgia:
  - About 7,000 to 8,000 residents.

Georgia:
  - One more update: about UBC reporting Taiwan as a province of China.
  - We are affirming our position as a supporter of democratic institutions.

Ian’s update:
  - Finally have a Safewalk Coordinator.
  - Full Services team now.
  - Tutoring moving forward with tutoring in residences.
  - Food Bank:
    - Too much fresh food now because of our FoodMesh partnership.
    - Need to expand and advertise.

Lucia’s update:
  - Health and Dental fee: looking into supporting students.
  - Bike Kitchen:
    - Deficit.
    - Working with them on MoU for a repayment plan.
  - Also deficits for 10 other clubs:
    - Working with them to arrange how they can repay.
    - If they don’t, they will be deconstituted.
  - Funds & Grants meeting: approved funding.
  - Got rid of the IT Committee.
  - Working on Deck and Gallery presentation to HR and Finance.

Cole:
  - I’d suggest we don’t sign MoU’s with clubs.
  - They’re our subsidiaries; we should just be establishing procedures for them to follow, or a deficit payment plan.
  - MoU’s are usually with external organizations.
• **Sylvester’s update:**
  - Completed one of my goals:
    - Was aiming for a one-third submission rate from clubs on the engagement survey, and have received 127 responses (which is one-third).
  - Looking to better support clubs during COVID.
  - Campus Base implementation: still working with UBC IT.
  - Hatch Art Gallery:
    - Call for submissions.
    - Received 50, will choose 5-10 for in person or other programming.
    - Planning workshops, panel discussions: finding ways for artists to have personal interactions with the student body.
  - Working on updates on sustainability:
    - Working with Kalith and Georgia and the Climate Hub on climate justice.
    - Giving Council an idea of where our sustainability investments are.
    - Looking to make the resubmission more ambitious.
  - Georgia and I met someone about the Canadian Enabling Accessibility Fund:
    - Looking to improve accessibility in the Nest.
    - Sensory room project.

• **Keith:**
  - Have you talked to Michael Kingsmill about accessibility?
  - We talked about it last year.

• **Sylvester:**
  - Not yet.
  - If we get the federal grant, we’ll start researching.

• **Georgia:**
  - It’s a conversation with a group on campus.
  - A student is spearheading.

• **Kalith’s update:**
  - We should do a land acknowledgement before Exec.
  - Two speeches to City Council on July 21:
    - Wellness checks.
    - Policing budget.
  - UCRU:
    - First governance committee meeting: I chair.
      - Great conversation about goals and policies.
    - Will be some fee restructuring: every member organization will have to bear some costs.
  - Housing:
    - Spoke to Andrew Parr.
    - Reaching out to organizations.
    - Looking at AMS housing.
Manitoba government subsidy:
- Had a meeting with Premier Horgan about doing something similar here.
- Submitted a recommendation for a wage subsidy.
- Also spoke to the Minister of Employment.
- Equity based grants almost done.

Keith’s update:
- HR stuff.
- Next version of the budget: won’t be very good, because of COVID.

Sylvester’s update addendum:
- Update on completing one of my goals: actually have received 200 responses to the club engagement survey.
- We are making repairs to the runoff garden next to Pie R Squared.
- Later will be repairing the rotating garden near the Great Hall.

Georgia’s update addendum:
- We received 7,410 COVID survey responses. Working through all the data.

UNA MoA
- Kalith:
  - Mediation last week with the UNA about the issue of student representation on their board.
  - We explained our perspective.
  - The meeting lasted 11 hours.
  - We were able to come up with a tentative agreement.
  - Subject to approval by the UNA (and they have now approved it).
  - Also subject to approval by the AMS: bringing it to Council next week.
  - The AMS will have ex officio status on the UNA Board.
  - They will amend their constitution to recognize students as being an integral part of the University community.
- Ian:
  - Why will there be no student voice on financial matters?
- Kalith:
  - Our priority is governance, which doesn’t include finances.
  - The AMS never sat on the finance committee; it’s not particularly relevant to students; it’s mostly internal operational details of the UNA.
  - One of the biggest wins we got was that if a student who is a member of the UNA board resigns, then a student must be appointed to fill the vacancy.

MOVED KALITH, SECONDED COLE:
“That the Executive recommend the Memorandum of Agreement to Council for approval.”

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Proctorio
- Georgia:
  - Sending an open letter on Proctorio to the community, Santa Ono, etc.
  - There’s a coalition between SUS, NUS, LFSUS, AUS, FUS, CUS, KUS: all signed on to oppose the use of Proctorio for final assessment and remote proctoring
- Sylvester:
  - Where is the open letter being shared? Just email? Is it being published?
- Georgia:
  - It’s going to the public.
  - There was a Reddit firestorm which led the undergraduate societies to take action, and we support our undergraduate societies.
- Keith:
  - Will it be in the Ubyssey?
- Georgia:
  - We’re sending it to the Ubyssey.

A/V
- Keith:
  - Presented to Fincom, now to the Executive.
  - Replacing the A/V in the bookable rooms.
  - Conferences and Catering uses these room and historically has been our largest generator of revenue through them: $700,000 last year. This year much less.
  - But 86% of the bookings are for clubs.
  - The A/V has been getting a lot of use; we expected a longer life, but the usage along with heat issues (now we’re getting air conditioning for that) has meant we need to replace now.
  - The cost will be $72,968 for scalers, amplifiers, podiums, etc.
  - To come from SUB Repairs and Replacement.
- Ian:
  - Any opportunity for teleconferencing from these rooms, installing microphones?
  - Increasing our capabilities?
- Keith:
  - UBC IT hasn’t allowed that.
  - They see that sort of thing as commercial rather than student.
  - We will be raising it again.

MOVED LUCIA, SECONDED GEORGIA:
“That the Executive recommend that Council approve $72,968 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund to replace worn-out audio/visual equipment.”

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Sustainability
- Sylvester:
  - Report update:
    - Georgia and Kalith contributing to the climate justice part.
    - Also including a part on sustainable investments (following Policy I-8).
  - Also other projects:
    - Creating plan to make the Nest carbon neutral by 2030 or 2025.
  - Main priority again is to ensure our subsidiaries are pursuing sustainability.
  - Also fostering communication with other student unions: a sort of coalition on climate advocacy, helping others be as sustainable as we are and also allowing us to learn from them.
  - Looking at other projects, looking beyond the VP Admin portfolio to the whole organization, developing a holistic understanding about what we are doing, what we want to do, what we can do.
- Cole:
  - For making the Nest carbon neutral, instead of trying to set a date, just say as soon as possible.
  - In general, let’s touch base on Friday. Council asked for this.
- Sylvester:
  - Will send it out so it can go on Friday’s Council docket.

Transit Form
- Kalith:
  - Worked on the subsidy form we’ve been talking about.
  - Going live today on the website.

Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm.