



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 28, 2020

Attendance

Present: Cole Evans (President), Georgia Yee (VP Academic & University Affairs), Sylvester Mensah Jr. (VP Administration), Kalith Nanayakkara (VP External), Ian Stone (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Lucia Liang (VP Finance)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm and took place by videoconference.

Agenda

- The agenda was adopted (Kalith, Georgia).

Minutes

- The minutes of October 14 and October 21 were approved (Kalith, Sylvester).

Updates

- *Sylvester's update:*
 - Hosted first AMS Sustainability Symposium: great success. Had buy-in from the undergraduate societies.
 - Prepared October Sustainability Update for Council tonight: Focusing on campus coordination and advocacy.
 - Progress on Interactive Sustainability Centre:
 - Discussing who will use it.
 - What will go in there? A scale for weighing our waste bins? And a dashboard.
 - Aiming for net zero carbon emissions by 2025: submitted a report from Carbon Offsetters to Council.
 - Second Hatch Art Gallery exhibition is ongoing.
 - Planning a workshop for clubs with eHub.
 - Preparing staff training to put on Canvas.
- Keith:
 - Location of the Interactive Sustainability Centre?

- Sylvester:
 - A bookable room in the Life Building that no one is using.

- *Georgia's update:*
 - Climate Action: ethical sourcing of construction materials.
 - Food security/digital food hub: culturally appropriate food: sustainability and empowerment.
 - Chipping away at Proctorio:
 - UBC is probably not continuing with it.
 - There is going to be an RFP process.
 - Meeting with Keith, Lucia, and the UBC Ombudsperson about an MoU and raising awareness about ombuds services.
 - Exam policy: Foregrounding student well-being. Looking at midterms: exam clashes. Scheduling after class hours and on weekends.
 - Anti-Racism programming.

- *Kalith's update:*
 - With the ending of the BC election, wrapping up.
 - Had a successful Get Out the Vote campaign.
 - Preparing for lobbying now that there's a new government.
 - Working with groups like the ABCS and BCFS on advocacy.
 - Preparing a welcome package for MLA's to tell them about our priorities.
 - U-Pass: Conversations with the U-Pass Advisory Committee about Term 2.

- *Ian's update:*
 - Working with Sylvester on the clubs workshop.
 - Safewalk is running:
 - Restarting collaboration with Varsity teams to have athletes be Safewalkers.
 - New software.
 - eHub: RBC Get Seeded.
 - Tutoring: Uptick in private tutoring.
 - Peer Support running normally.
 - Food Bank is at a severely higher capacity than usual.
 - Interested in the Aspiria student assistance program, which will offer legal assistance. Will be offering it as a resource for housing and advocacy.

- *Keith's update:*
 - Working on Budget Version 4. To Council in November.
 - Finalizing the process for next year's budget.
 - Held first All-Staff meeting in years.

- Lucia and I are working on amendments to the Health and Dental Plan and dealing with the fee surplus.
- Looking at a fee restructuring for a referendum next term.
- *Cole's update:*
 - AGM:
 - Close to 3,000 registrations. Huge engagement. Super-exciting.
 - We've done a good job of engagement this year. We always hear the AMS needs to do a better job at that.
 - Mundane as this AGM is, if we can get 2,000 students out, they will learn about the AMS, and that will be a big win.
 - It will be a history-making AGM
 - SFU's student union did something similar and got good uptake.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.