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:
  o Hosted first AMS Sustainability Symposium: great success. Had buy-in from the undergraduate societies.
  o Prepared October Sustainability Update for Council tonight: Focusing on campus coordination and advocacy.
  o 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.
  o Aiming for net zero carbon emissions by 2025: submitted a report from Carbon Offsetters to Council.
  o Second Hatch Art Gallery exhibition is ongoing.
  o Planning a workshop for clubs with eHub.
  o Preparing staff training to put on Canvas.
• Keith:
  o Location of the Interactive Sustainability Centre?
• Sylvester:
  o A bookable room in the Life Building that no one is using.

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

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

• Ian’s update:
  o Working with Sylvester on the clubs workshop.
  o Safewalk is running:
    ▪ Restarting collaboration with Varsity teams to have athletes be Safewalkers.
    ▪ New software.
  o eHub: RBC Get Seeded.
  o Tutoring: Uptick in private tutoring.
  o Peer Support running normally.
  o Food Bank is at a severely higher capacity than usual.
  o 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:
  o Finalizing the process for next year’s budget.
  o Held first All-Staff meeting in years.
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- 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.