Attendance
Present: Cole Evans (President), Georgia Yee (VP Academic & University Affairs), Lucia Liang (VP Finance), Sylvester Mensah Jr. (VP Administration), Kalith Nanayakkara (VP External), Ian Stone (Student Services Manager, arrived 12:15), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
• The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm and took place by videoconference.

Agenda
• The agenda was adopted (Georgia, Sylvester).

Minutes
• The minutes of October 28 were approved (Kalith, Georgia).

Free Masks in the Nest
• Georgia:
  o UBC has completed an RFP for a mask provider; will probably hear from the vendors to evaluate.
  o UBC may provide funding to us for masks.
  o We can wait for them to get masks and tell them the numbers we need.
  o Or we can ask for funding to get our own masks.
• Sylvester:
  o We are pursuing UBC's RFP provider for consistency.
  o However, we should outline the quantity needed and follow up with our request for the funds, since that was offered by the University.
• Lucia:
  o Do we have to pay for masks from the University?
• Sylvester:
  o There would be cost-sharing.
• Lucia:
  o How much can we get from UBC?
• Georgia:
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- They didn’t say how much.
- They could provide some funds.
- I could ask how much.

- Cole:
  - I’d like us to get masks as soon as possible.
  - How will we make them available once we have them?
  - Food outlets? Services? Offices?
  - Probably better than at the doors to the building.

- Keith:
  - Then people would have to travel through the building without masks.

[Ian arrives.]

- Georgia:
  - Could refer people to the places in the building that have masks.

- Keith:
  - We already have Health Ambassadors going out and handing out masks.
  - We bought a small quantity, a couple of hundred.

- Sylvester:
  - We already have free masks?
  - Can we start communicating that?

- Keith:
  - Leery of doing that.
  - We’ll quickly run out.
  - I’d get the larger quantity in first.
  - The Health Ambassadors give out only 6-10 a day.

- Kalith:
  - Will the ones from UBC be reusable or disposable?

- Georgia:
  - Fairly certain they’re reusable.
  - I’ll confirm later today.
  - Might be better to obtain funding from UBC and order our own.

AMS Events

- Cole:
  - AMS Events posted pictures of a bar crawl, which was disappointing to see.
  - Time for us to revisit the Department to make sure it’s in line with our values.
  - Talking of suspending all in-person AMS events, including special nights and days in the Gallery (Thirsty Thursday etc.).
  - We’re in the second wave of COVID.
  - Looking at suspending club events that have alcohol.
• Sylvester:
  o We have protocols for group bookings.
  o In light of certain cases, to maintain the safety of our students, we’re going to codify these in the Operations Manual and duly enforce them.
  o Public health governs us.
  o The AMS should offer encouragement to abide by the rules.
• Georgia:
  o We should have a dashboard on the website for people’s information.
• Kalith:
  o Has AMS Events been informed of everything being suspended?
• Cole:
  o Telling them tomorrow.
  o Plan to let them resume posting AMS content, but will suspend the Events brand: no more Events content.
• Kalith:
  o Want to use our platforms to talk about student debt.
  o Can I still do that?
• Cole:
  o Yes, exactly. That’s what we want to post about.

Updates
• Georgia’s update:
  o Climate Emergency.
  o Work Learn opportunities.
  o Open Learning Awards: increase in nominations.
  o Anti-racism programming in Orientations.
  o Pushing for outdoor learning spaces.
  o Preliminary discussions about the summer of 2021, including the use of hybrid learning.
  o Pushing for A/V infrastructure.
  o New trust fund for funding the Centre for Accessibility.
  o Time to be ambitious about imagining the campus landscape: make UBC one of the most accessible campuses in Canada.
  o Naming Policy changing: being looked at through an equity framework.
• Kalith:
  o Will this apply to the new Rec Centre?
• Georgia:
  o Yes, to every building on campus.
  o Shift to donor naming.
  o Reflecting values of the UBC community.
• **Sylvester’s update:**
  o Hatch Art Gallery:
    • Second exhibit at the Hatch has ended. Went pretty well.
    • Currently working on one with the Black Student Union. A mini-exhibit November 6-12.
    • November 16 planning a performance-based exhibit, our first in person.
      • Considering how to ensure safety.
  o Sustainability:
    • Next symposium will focus on the Sustainable Projects Fund.
    • Last week met with the UBC-led initiative, Amplifying Indigenous Voices; coordinating with the UBC Indigenous Plan.
    • Reimplementation of weigh scale and the dashboard to show our initiatives as part of the Interactive Sustainability Centre.
    • Presenting to Council in January.
  o Clubs:
    • Tough to obtain panelists for the first workshop.
    • In contact with the Lululemon marketing director as a potential panelist.

• **Kalith’s update:**
  o Debt Free Degree Campaign.
    • Headed by Western and UCRU
  o Our social media overhaul was successful.
  o Operational funding:
    • Mission to encourage various student unions to advocate for increased funding for postsecondary institutions in the province.
  o Finishing up report on advocacy strategy for the new year.
  o Setting up meeting with the Indigenous Committee; will present to Council.
  o Prepping for U-Pass communication:
    • Discussing with the UAC.
    • Likely the U-Pass will be reinstated again in second term, but this time with stronger communications.

• Georgia:
  o What’s your connection with the University for operational funding?
  o UBC’s External Team?
  o The NDP government may be more enthusiastic about trade schools.
  o UBC may be hesitant.
  o Can we align with UBC?

• Kalith:
  o As students we’re hoping to reduce tuition fees (by advocating for other funding for postsecondary institutions).
  o Trying now to get all student associations in line.
Also a research focus: do we want to incentivize lowering fees or improving services?

- Reaching out to institutions’ advocacy teams is definitely on our agenda, including reaching out to UBC’s External Team to find common ground, but first we’re organizing the student associations.
- Also faculty associations.
- Trying to make it a movement of the whole PSE sector and not just students.
- NDP to produce a budget.

• Keith:
  - Earlier in the pandemic, we sought funding for SASC and Food Bank, but we weren’t eligible because the money is only for registered charities.
  - That was something we were going to ask for.

• Kalith:
  - That ask won’t be included now because it’s unique to a few of us, but I will bring it up with David Eby. It’s still on our agenda.

• Ian’s update:
  - Video for Peer Support.
  - Looking for feedback.
  - Also videos for other Services.
  - Looking into using UBC’s Work Learn system: seeking diverse funding sources.
  - Looking into becoming one of the top employers on campus.

• Sylvester:
  - Love the fact we’re taking marketing seriously.

• Keith’s update:
  - Recruitment for several positions.
  - Working on next iteration of the budget for Council.

Q2 Report
• Cole:
  - Looking to introduce a new type of quarterlies, but the next one is due by November 28.
  - May have to do the regular Q2 report for this quarter and wait till Q3 for the new type.

AGM
• Cole:
  - Went really well. 1625 attendees altogether. The highest number at any one time was 1490. Well over quorum.
  - Doublechecked all the votes; they all passed. The Bylaw amendments passed.
- Maybe a report for Council on what worked and what didn’t work.
- The virtual format worked really well.
- One negative: we put forward so many motions that we went very long: we were overly optimistic in thinking we’d get all the Bylaw motions done in 45 minutes.
- But this year had an exceptional amount of backlogged Bylaw motions to do.
- All the Bylaw amendments passed easily; even the Records Bylaw got 70%.

Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.