Attendance
Present: Saad Shoaib (VP External), Eshana Bhangu (VP Academic & University Affairs), Mary Gan (VP Finance), Lauren Benson (VP Administration), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Lorris Leung (Senior Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Cole Evans (President), Mitchell Prost (Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
- The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm and took place by videoconference, with Saad in the chair.

Agenda
- The agenda was adopted (Mary, Eshana).

Minutes
- The minutes of July 21 were approved (Mary, Eshana).

Code change
- Change to abolish weekend meetings of committees.
- Lauren:
  - This is a really good thing for work-life balance for staff and Executives.
- Saad:
  - Next step would be to eliminate meetings on weekday evenings or maybe set an 8 pm limit (or earlier or later).

MOVED LAUREN, SECONDED ESHANA:
“That the Executive Committee recommend that Council approve the Code change entitled Code Changes 2021: Committee Meeting Times.”

Managing Director’s Update
- Keith:
  - Away next week.
  - Supply chain issues because of the wildfires have led to rising prices.
o Hiring for the fall slower than usual because not everyone is here yet.
o Lease for the old Merit Travel space.
o Touch screen on the third floor will be for FAQ’s so students can access information when the office is closed.
o Audit still underway; should be done by mid to late August.

Executive Updates

- **Lorris’s update:**
  o Away for two weeks.
  o Plans for September:
    ▪ In person orientations with Affiliates.
    ▪ Trying to arrange with Jump Start and Imagine Day.
    ▪ If that doesn’t work, we will be with Events.
  o Policy Advisor: Three interviews done; one more to go.
  o Reviewing orientation course material.
  o Working on course for Services staff (for financial issues).

- **Saad’s update:**
  o Working on U-Pass communication for the fall:
    ▪ Continuing the same U-Pass exemptions and subsidies.
  o Federal pre-budget submission:
    ▪ Removing the interest on student loans.
    ▪ Student grants.
  o Provincial budget submission. Recommending:
    ▪ Funding for Indigenous language programs.
    ▪ Financial support for mental health.
  o Working on Get Out the Vote campaign with Western and McMaster.

- **Lauren’s update:**
  o Gearing up: next month will be crazy.
  o Pride cookies doing well at Blue Chip. Would love to do more campaigns like that.
  o Clubs Days will be September 28 to October 1 in the Atrium, outdoors, and virtually.
    ▪ Surveying to gauge comfort levels.
    ▪ Applications for boothing opening soon.
  o Wrapping up club audit.
  o New club applications open.
  o Interactive Sustainability Centre opening in September.
  o Sensory Room: to Council.
  o Two rooms reserved for prayer spaces in the Nest:
    ▪ Talking to UBC about guidelines/expectations.
AMS Executive Committee

Minutes of July 28, 2021

- Thingery budget to Council soon.

- **Eshana’s update:**
  - Summary report from the survey (on return to campus).
  - Been doing media interviews about the Return to Campus letter (about mandating vaccinations in residences and masking in lecture halls).
    - We did receive a response to our letter, and now we will respond back.
    - We’re not giving up yet.

- Lauren:
  - My mother heard you on the radio.

- **Mary’s update:**
  - Budget passed.
  - Treasurer procedures.
  - Health & Dental Committee is looking at increasing subsidies.
  - U-Pass subsidies extended until August 6.
  - Helping Constituencies.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm.