



**THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER**

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 4, 2021

Attendance

Present: Cole Evans (President), Saad Shoaib (VP External), Eshana Bhangu (VP Academic & University Affairs, left 1 pm), Mary Gan (VP Finance), Lauren Benson (VP Administration), Mitchell Prost (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Keith Hester (Managing Director), Lorris Leung (Senior Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 12:43 pm and took place by videoconference.

Agenda

- The agenda was adopted (Eshana, Mary).

Minutes

- The minutes of July 28 were approved (Saad, Lauren).

COVID-19 Advocacy

- Eshana:
 - Our letters were sent, a campaign was created.
 - We're expressing our frustration with the University over our asks (re masks and vaccinations).
 - The Faculty have also been vocal, reiterating our concerns.
 - We've started a movement.
 - The response we received from Ainsley Carry (the VP Students) was inadequate.
 - We responded to that.
 - Now Santa Ono (UBC President) has responded.
 - Still not adequate.
 - Going to keep pushing.
 - Hoping for an open Board of Governors meeting in the next two weeks that can take some action.
 - We've spoken to Governors, the Faculty Association, and the TA union.

Executive and Services Updates

- *Eshana's update:*
 - Advocacy on return to campus.
 - Compiling reports.
 - Pushing for recorded lectures.

[Eshana leaves.]

- *Lauren's update:*
 - Chop Value furniture arrived (for the Interactive Sustainability Centre).
 - Disposing of the old red chairs.
 - Club audit done: sending over strikes to the Operations Committee.
 - Applications for Clubs Days this week.
 - Helping UBC plan their Main Event:
 - Virtual fair.
 - CampusBase.
 - Planning communications for CampusBase about the platform: messaging, video, tutorials.
 - Clubs & Societies Working Group has been approving new clubs.
 - Office and locker allocations done: clubs notified.
 - Sensory Room consultation going strong.
 - Events Committee meeting.
 - Raised \$150 with the Pride cookie.
 - Working on story board for the Dashboard.
- Cole:
 - Murals?
- Lauren:
 - Some issues with the files submitted from the artists.
 - Have to be reworked so they can be printed.
 - Going to cost a couple of hundred dollars.
 - But other costs (preparing the walls) have been lower than budgeted.
 - Resizing, then printing.
 - Later than hoped.
- Cole:
 - Should announce the murals in the newsletter or on social.
- Lauren:
 - They're quite nice.
 - Checking with the artists to make sure they're okay with the resizing.
- *Mary's update:*
 - Budget template for website.
 - Approving funds and grants applications.

- Health & Dental.
- Hiring staff for my portfolio.
- Finance Committee running smoothly. Looking at operational things and goals.
- *Saad's update:*
 - Federal pre-budget consultation:
 - Sending tomorrow via UCRU.
 - Seeking removal of student loan interest, increasing grants, mental health targeted investments, and Indigenous student support.
 - Provincial budget submission with UVic and ABCS on:
 - Sexual misconduct policy.
 - Funding for Indigenous language programs.
 - Financial support for mental health.
 - U-Pass going forward with the same exemptions as before.
 - SUDS:
 - Pretty much set.
 - Budget pending Finance Committee approval.
 - Hired a SUDS Coordinator.
 - 97 delegates showing interest so far.
 - Accommodations booked.
- Cole:
 - Deposits paid?
- Saad:
 - Going to expand invitation list.
 - Payment portals up this month.
 - Sponsorship getting increased because of our special circumstances.
 - In terms of money, should be fine.
- *Mitchell's update:*
 - Peer Support training.
 - Tutoring: Renewal of agreement with the Chapman Learning Commons.
 - Housing training, hiring.
 - eHub renewing MoU with e@UBC.
 - Advocacy continuing to support students.
 - Safewalk fleet insurance for vehicles. Branding.
 - Food Bank: Looking at food order system.
 - Services team get-together this week.
 - Student engagement plans for first week in September.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 pm.