Attendance
Present: Cole Evans (President), Eshana Bhangu (VP Academic & University Affairs, left 12:15), Mary Gan (VP Finance), Saad Shoailb (VP External), Lauren Benson (VP Administration), Mitchell Prost (Student Services Manager), Lorris Leung (Senior Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
• The meeting was called to order at 11:53 am and took place in person (in Room 3511) for the first time since the pandemic began.

Agenda
• The agenda was adopted (Saad, Mary).

Minutes
• The minutes of September 22 were deferred.

AGM
• Cole:
  o Draft agenda went out.
  o There’s the four standard motions, then others on:
    ▪ Electoral reform
    ▪ Constitutional amendments
    ▪ Housing (from Saad)
    ▪ Sexual violence
• Eshana:
  o Want something on an affordability plan and tuition increases.
• Saad:
  o Is electoral reform feasible?
• Cole:
  o Just adopting it as our position, to advocate for it, in the form of proportional representation.
  o Could revise that, because ranked choice is not the same as proportional representation.
Could get rid of the specific mention of proportional representation.

- Saad:
  - Maybe call for something to make it easier for young people to vote, like online voting.

- Cole:
  - Don’t want to be too specific.
  - Proportional representation is pretty broad, as opposed to first past the post, but we could change it to just say electoral reform.

- Sheldon:
  - Not sure the Societies Act will allow us to add the proposed preamble/territorial acknowledgement (in the constitutional amendments).
  - The Act says our name and our objects are the only provisions allowed in a constitution.

- Cole:
  - I doubt the government would object.
  - Or we could consider it one of our purposes.

- Sheldon:
  - Or a preamble might not be considered a provision, so it would be okay.

- Cole:
  - Want to make the AGM a notable annual event, a tradition.
  - Like Welcome Back Barbecue and Block Party as events, we would have two opportunities for large-scale voice:
    - The AGM in the first semester
    - Elections in the second semester.
  - Will be interesting to see how many people show up this year.
  - Last year was the first time virtual and we got lots of people who were at home signing up: 3,000 people registered.
  - Still a good chance we’ll hit quorum this year.

- Lauren:
  - Need to make it approachable to younger students.
  - They’re just discovering the COVID university.

- Eshana:
  - Must it be virtual?

- Cole:
  - Yes, we can’t get 600 people in person.
  - Virtual is great: we received feedback saying that.
  - It’s easy to attend.
  - Going forward, we want to keep it virtual.

- Saad:
  - Are we offering cash prizes again as incentives to bring students in?
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- Cole:
  - Still planning to do some.
  - Haven’t seen an AGM at another student union at a large school that made quorum without offering incentives.
  - The focus this year will be: Come learn about the AMS, voice concerns. It will be a Town Hall really.

Executive and Services Updates

- Eshana’s update:
  - Fentanyl strips finalized.
  - UBC budget submission.
  - Textbook Broke a resounding success.
  - Preparing for OER Champions Night.
  - Some profs are stopping recording lectures on September 30.
    - Working with UBC Provost’s office to let people know there’s no expiry date on the guidelines to record lectures.
    - Some professors say there are academic freedom and intellectual property issues involved in recording lectures.
    - Also there is concern about students not being comfortable if they’re recorded commenting on controversial issues.
    - Also technological issues.
    - And engagement: some professors feel students will stop showing up for lectures if they’re recorded, though our survey shows that’s not true.

[Eshana leaves.]

- Saad’s update:
  - Reviewing our post-election lobbying plans.
  - Sending letters to the Prime Minister’s Office to influence the mandate letters going to the ministries involved with diversity and youth, transportation, and infrastructure.
    - Want to make sure we get our wins in the letters.
  - Met MLA David Eby about the feasibility study for the Utile housing project.
  - Provincial budget submission.
  - Letter to TransLink about the suspension of the 258 and 480 bus routes: students have been expressing concern.
  - Talking with the ABCS about provincial lobbying for the rest of the year: an online lobby week in November and another in January.
  - An in person federal lobby week at the end of November or December.
  - SUDS is set, just finalizing two last speaker spots.
• **Lauren’s update:**
  - Clubs Days a huge success online and in person.
    - The outdoor/indoor/online combination went smoothly.
    - Vaccination checks went well; there was no negative feedback.
    - Going to send a survey to the clubs to get their feedback.
  - ISC open and available for bookings.
    - Thinking of hosting social nights.
    - Videos coming out to promote ISC (the Interactive Sustainability Centre).
  - Carbon Offsetters report complete on how sustainable the Nest is. Coming to Council tonight.
  - Thingery going to the next Council.
  - Clubs Recovery Benefit to support clubs.
  - Hiring for the Clubs Resource Centre and the Hatch Art Gallery.

**Hatch Art Gallery**

- **Cole:**
  - Should we consider relinquishing control and working collaboratively with the Faculty of Arts?
  - We’re getting pretty late now for hiring a Hatch manager.
  - There would probably be no programming till January.
  - UBC’s Visual Arts Department has emailed to ask what’s happening.
  - Our community uses the Hatch a lot.
  - It might be a good idea to give the space to a group that can do more with it.
  - There’s a chance that the Visual Arts Department (VAD) could do something better with it.
  - And maybe they could help with curating our permanent art collection too.
  - Maybe it’s time to move the Hatch out of the VP Admin’s office.

- **Lauren:**
  - Originally I was opposed because it’s in the Nest.
  - But having gone through Clubs Days etc., I want to make sure it’s used, and if there’s another group, that could help.

- **Cole:**
  - The VP Admin would still be involved.
    - It’s a room in the Nest.
  - But just liaising with the VAD on programming.
  - We could come up with an agreement requiring them to submit an annual plan to be approved.
  - This would give us more flexibility. Taking away two staff (a manager and assistant manager of the Hatch) would mean we can add staff elsewhere.
  - Have to engage with the VAD to see what their interest is.

- **Lauren:**
• Cole:
  o The permanent collection would still be our collection.
  o The VAD would just be operating the gallery.
  o Want to make sure the permanent collection is displayed in the gallery.
  o It won’t be their collection, but I hope they might assist with the art.
  o We also need to do restoration work.

• Sheldon:
  o There was a plan to display the art online, but we needed to get the artists to sign agreements to allow that.
  o Who would sign off on the agreements now?

• Cole:
  o The art is not being preserved properly.
  o It will take $150,000 to restore it.
  o Could the Archives take over?

• Sheldon:
  o Art and Archives are different.
  o There has been talk over the years of hiring a full-time manager to run the gallery and take care of the art.

• Cole:
  o Would need money to support that.

• Sheldon:
  o Or do you want the VAD to run it?

• Lauren:
  o First step is to talk to the VAD.

Road Safety
• Saad:
  o In light of recent events (the accident on Northwest Marine), had a discussion with David Eby about long-term solutions.
  o It’s a provincially administered road.
  o Also, impaired driving was a factor.

• Lauren:
  o That area is very dark.

• Saad:
  o There’s been talk of putting in road barriers or guard rails.

• Cole:
  o It’s important to let the investigation conclude.
  o Right now we have no idea why this happened.
I was surprised the University so quickly came out saying they’d advocate for better road safety.
- Not that that’s bad, but we want to wait for the RCMP investigation.
- If there was excessive speed, maybe we want speed bumps.

- Saad:
  - Depending on what the investigation shows, we can also put out messaging about impaired driving.

- Lauren:
  - I do like the idea of pushing for better lighting there.

- Saad:
  - The ministry will review it.

- Sheldon:
  - We used to do safety audits to report on lighting etc. on campus.

**Executive and Services Updates (continued)**

- **Mary’s update:**
  - Health and Dental:
    - Meeting to discuss subsidy criteria, to make sure they reflect current expenses.
    - The Health & Dental Committee doubled the money available for subsidies this year: from $50,000 to $100,000.
    - There’s the issue of the flu shots at Shoppers and their connection to the health plan.
  - Financial issues: Showpass.
  - Opt-outs.
  - Financial aid, budgeting workshops.
  - Credit card apps for clubs and Constituencies.

- **Mitch’s update:**
  - Hiring more Safewalkers.
  - Safewalk is using its vehicle.
  - Food Bank is recruiting more volunteers to meet the increased demand.
  - In general increasing engagement with students.
  - Peer Support holding a workshop and a Naloxone event. Also dialogue nights.
  - Tutoring has finalized its contract with Student Housing.

- **Lorris’s update:**
  - Finalized orientation course on Canvas for Services.
    - May also do it for individual Services.
  - SASC recruiting.
Met with UBC’s VP Students about food insecurity and a possible community hub.
  - We’re saying UBC should put more resources into that.

Managing Director’s Update

- Keith:
  - New signs in Blue Chip for Blue Chip Express.
  - Fixing a Blue Chip sign.
  - Proposal for a new espresso machine for Blue Chip Express.
  - Using some Gallery furniture for the Lev Bukhman Lounge.
  - Preparing report for the AGM.
  - Presentation on the audit to the Executive next week.

- Saad:
  - Compass card sales data received.

- Keith:
  - The order is in.

Council

- Cole:
  - Three presentations.
  - Finance Committee appointments.
  - Impact Grant appointments.
  - Students at Large to be confirmed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.