Attendance
Present: Cole Evans (President), Eshana Bhangu (VP Academic & University Affairs), Mary Gan (VP Finance, arrived 11:55), Saad Shoab (VP External, left 12:05), 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)

Guests: Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Vishwa Mohan (Food & Beverage Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
- The meeting was called to order at 11:12 am and took place in person (in Nest Room 3511).

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

Minutes
- The minutes of October 7 were approved (Lauren, Eshana).

Executive Goals
- Cole:
  - We’re supposed to chat about the progress on our goals before presenting to Council in November.
  - Executive Committee Goals as a Whole:
    - Communications and Engagement:
      - So far doing well. Follower counts climbing on social media.
      - Good engagement over the statement we issued about the deaths of the two students on Marine Drive.
      - The AGM will be a good tool.
      - Branding guidelines are being implemented; look lovely. Maybe I’ll have Communications distribute them.
      - Electoral Engagement Committee has yet to meet. I will most likely assume the chair and get things moving.
- Pandemic Recovery:
  - Restart Plan, recovery campaigns: going well.
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion:
  - Consultation ongoing.
  - Not just for this year.
- Policy Reviews:
  - I-17 and I-18 (on sexual violence and respectful community) need more of an overhaul than we first thought; hope to have it done by the end of this term.
  - I-5 (communication with the Musqueam): Still have not established a consistent connection with them. Going to check with UBC. Maybe the new Policy Advisor can be designated the point of contact.
  - Media Policy on backburner.
- President’s Goals:
  - Strategic Plan:
    - Coming to Council this evening.
    - Hope to get it done by end of fiscal year.
  - Return to Campus on track.
  - EDI on track.
    - Need to look at training on such things as QPR (suicide training), procedural fairness.
    - Looking to create a more consistent process for I-17 and I-18, a centralized ladder system to be more efficient.
- Indigenous Presence and Engagement:
  - Ongoing.
  - Indigenous Culture Month.
  - Installation: have to touch base with the Musqueam and the Indigenous Committee.
- Community Engagement:
  - First year programming: Communications team. Getting better and better.
  - Cross-campus collaboration.
- Eshana:
  - VPAUA goals:
    - Remote invigilation (Proctorio) goal completed:
      - Restricting the use of it.
      - Looking for an equitable replacement.
  - Affordability:
    - On Affordability Task Force.
• Pressing for there to be no tuition increases without an affordability plan.
• Allocation of funding should connect to real student priorities.
• Pushing for needs-based grants.
• Budget submission.

Open Education Resources:
• Successful campaign.
• Open Champions Night.
• At Senate, policy to put a cap on textbook costs.

Indigenous Student Support:
• Survey leading to focused advocacy.

Return to In Person:
• Advocating for more lecture capture.
• Rapid testing/soft vaccine mandate.
• Solid advocacy for mask mandate.
• Working with the Administration for international students who are not yet back.

Mental Health:
• Campaign next month.

Food insecurity:
• $1 million for Meal Share Program.
• Hoping for more.
• Campaign to reduce social stigma.

Sexual violence and safety:
• Working on getting committee going.

Graduate advocacy:
• Working with the GSS on tuition waiver for PhD students.

[Eshana leaves.]

• Saad:
  o VP External Goals:
    ▪ Transparency and Accountability:
      • Partnering with Eshana on advocacy updates.
    ▪ Housing affordability and Tenancy Rights:
      • Meeting with Leading Practices Subcommittee.
    ▪ AMS co-op housing:
      • Talking to BC Housing.
      • Recommendations for BC budget accepted: $2 million in housing initiatives.
Student financial aid:
  • Advocating for removal of interest on student loans.
    o Adopted by UCRU.
  • Making recommendations with the GSS to the province about grad student grants.
International student support:
  • Meeting with Ministry of Advanced Education.
  • Working with BCFS on tuition.
COVID Recovery.
Recommendation to province to increase funding for sexual violence policies at postsecondary institutions.
Climate Action Strategic Plan.
Lobbying for SkyTrain to UBC.
Promoting student candidates in the UNA elections.
Indigenous student support.
Equity-based grants.

Lauren:
  • VP Admin Goals:
    Supporting clubs beyond the pandemic:
      • Video tutorials on how to navigate CampusBase.
      • Clubs newsletter.
      • Videoconferencing, but perhaps changing focus on that because things are less virtual now.
      • COVID-19 safety materials.
CampusBase:
  • Moved onto a Canadian server.
  • Meeting their reps.
  • Driving awareness.
  • Reconfiguring the layout.
Communication:
  • COVID-19 dashboard on website for Nest policies.
Accessibility initiative second term.
Sustainability:
  • More inclusive – attended Indigenous Committee meeting.
  • Installed dashboard at the ISC.
  • Carbon Offsetters compiled data for us:
    o AMS has completed most of the steps.
    o Mostly we just need to encourage AMS staff to walk to work.
Inclusive space in the Nest:
  • Sensory Room (presentation to Council tonight).
• Prayer spaces (maybe January).
  ▪ First Year and in person: variety of comfort levels.
  ▪ Convenient spaces for commuter students:
    • Clubs Resource Centre: hiring staff.
  ▪ Hatch Art Galley:
    • Perhaps passing some responsibility to the Visual Arts Student Association.

• Mitchell:
  o SSM Goals:
    ▪ AMS Housing Service: database for April.
    ▪ Increase engagement for all Services:
      • Outreach plan.
      • Social media assistant.
    ▪ Increasing students’ use of Services.
    ▪ Social Media presence growing.
    ▪ Streamline training, provide courses for Services.
    ▪ Gearing up for Services Review.
    ▪ Cross-campus collaboration on food services.

**Gallery Furniture**
• Michael Kingsmill:
  o Reimagining the Gallery Lounge.
  o Want to improve the decor.
  o Currently a mixture of furniture suffering wear and tear.
  o Looking for a more cohesive, updated look:
    ▪ Furniture, flooring (mosaic), glass tile for the bar.
  o Aim is to be a casual dining room and lounge like Milestone’s or Brown’s; not high end like our old Perch.
  o Very high ceiling now, which decreases intimacy.
  o Proposals in evolution.
  o Normally do decor first, furniture second, but because of timing, want to go forward with the furniture.
  o Some existing furniture can be reused/restored:
    ▪ The tall tables and three low tables can be brought back to life.
    ▪ Would like to reuse the 22 grey tweed chairs and the tall barstools.

[Mary arrives.]
• Michael Kingsmill (continued):
  o Looking to reuse but refinish seats, make things cohesive.
o Plan to introduce new lightweight sofas: each with two or three seats, costing $2300 each, plus $1000 each for fabric.
o Dark tone on the floor, lighter tone on chair fabrics, dark ceiling.
o Would purchase ten 24 x 24 tables.
o Reupholster booths.
o Add plants.
o Overall furniture budget originally $70,000, but by reusing some existing furniture, the actual cost will be $42,000 for the furniture.
o Total cost of the Gallery upgrade: $150,000.

- Michael showed pictures.
- Cole:
o Looks great.
o Love the walnut style dark finish.
o Really like the foliage, the drop ceiling, and the lighting.
o But the sofas:
  ▪ Not really efficient seating.
  ▪ You’ll get two people on a three-person sofa.
  ▪ Personally more in favour of more tables and benches.
  ▪ Then could have multiple groups for when it’s busy.
- Saad:
o Colour will get torn up by drink spillage.
o Dark colour would be better.
- Vishwa:
o Flooring will be even.
o Couches will most likely have vinyl or fake leather material.
- Lauren:
o Looks great.
o Couches: I do like something to break up the seating: accent seats.
o Maybe two instead of four.

[Saad leaves.]

- Mary:
o Wood flooring could be scratchable (people pushing chairs).
- Lauren:
o Like look of drop-down ceiling, but will it affect the light?
o If we do couches, it would be fun to have accent rugs as well, to lighten the look.
- Michael:
o I like the gesture of something domestic like rugs, but they’re tripping hazards.
o Re light: there’s an abundance of windows: the drop ceiling would not significantly diminish the natural light.
o Thinking of TV’s (flat screens) for sports events.
o Not quite a sports bar: more casual dining with a youthful feel.
  o Floors do delaminate: veneer can wear off. But hardwood floors properly finished should last.
  o Upper deck of seating is carpeted now: need to look at that.
  o The mini-arcade could go there.
  o Re sofas:
    ▪ Well-taken point.
    ▪ Not everyone is comfortable on a three-person sofa.
    ▪ That’s why we are also thinking of two-person sofas.
    ▪ But perhaps we could do more tables and chairs.
    ▪ Don’t want to lose all the sofas: they do get patronized.
    ▪ But maybe three-seat ones are ill-advised.
    ▪ Better to have two-seat ones that could be joined to make fours.
  
• Lauren:
  o What kind of material would be in the drop-down ceiling?
• Michael:
  o Wooden slats on edge.
• Lauren:
  o What kind of furniture would be in the back area?
• Michael:
  o That’s the arcade: you mostly stand up.
• Sheldon:
  o Billiard table?
• Michael:
  o Too big.
• Cole:
  o Ping pong.
• Michael:
  o Too big.
• Cole:
  o Insulating the patio?
  o Retractable cover?
• Michael:
  o Contemplating that.
  o The area is very much exposed to wind.
  o Retractable awnings are flimsy.
  o Challenging and costly, but would add seating capacity.

• Schedule (from Michael):
  o November 5: tender documents.
  o November 9: Finance Committee about funding.
  o November 10: Council.
November 12: Award project.
December 7: Delivery.
Ready for January and return to classes.
Maybe another presentation to the Executive.

Managing Director’s Update
- Keith:
  - Finance Committee considering a payroll system replacement.
  - Finance Committee also considering a proposal to add market reviews of salaries and a new compensation structure to Dayforce.
  - Espresso machine for Blue Chip Express.
  - Financial system replacement.
- Lorris:
  - Replacing the Food Bank freezer is also going to the Finance Committee.
- Keith:
  - Interviewing for new HR Manager.

Executive Goals (part 2)
- Mary:
  - VP Finance goals:
    - Canvas course done.
    - Health & Dental:
      - Mental health subsidy.
      - Mental health network.
      - Utilizing the fund.
      - Survey.
    - Funds and fees review.
    - Communications:
      - Not done yet. On backburner.

Council
- Cole:
  - Three presentations: Audit, Strategic Plan, Sensory Room.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.