AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 2, 2022

Attendance
Present: Cole Evans (President), Eshana Bhangu (VP Academic & University Affairs, away 11-11:20), Mary Gan (VP Finance), Lauren Benson (VP Administration), Saad Shoaib (VP External), Lorris Leung (Senior Student Services Manager), Mitchell Prost (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 10:46 am on Zoom.

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

Minutes
• The minutes of January 26 were approved with an addition from Eshana (Eshana, Lauren).

Masks
• Eshana:
  o Working with Mary.
  o Funding from the Health & Dental reserve: $135,000 to buy 65,000 masks to give out to members of the UBC community.
  o Distribution stations in the Nest.
  o We got a great price.
  o We’re doing a better job than UBC.
• Keith:
  o Residences?
• Eshana:
  o Great idea.
• Mary:
  o The Nest is more accessible.
• Eshana:
  o Boothing outside Nest.
  o People should know it’s from the student union, not the University.
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- Keith:
  - The company supplying the masks can sell us rapid test kits too.
- Eshana:
  - Great thing to have in our pocket.
  - UBC is getting rapid tests from the provincial supply, but that means they have to follow provincial rules: for symptomatic people only.
  - If UBC purchases its own test kits, they can give them out more freely.
  - Trying to push UBC to do this, but if not, it’s good to have a quote for buying our own.

Thingery
- Lauren:
  - MoU from Chris Diplock.
  - The AMS is to pay for the shell of the space.
  - The Thingery will coordinate a donation drive with my team.
  - They will also finish the design and will carry $5 million insurance.
  - The agreement to be reviewed in nine months.
- Keith:
  - Having $5 million insurance is great.
  - We’d have to sublet the place to them for that to work: they’d have to be legally occupying it to get insurance.
  - Probably need a separate lease agreement.
- Cole:
  - Sustainability Projects Fund would be an appropriate place for funding.
  - That can be done by the Finance Committee without going to Council.
- Keith:
  - It doesn’t say how much we would pay for the shell.
  - Maybe put a limit.

[Eshana leaves.]

Updates

- Keith’s update:
  - Block Party line-up launched; 4900 tickets sold.
    - Feedback to line-up positive.
  - Wage change, as approved by Council, is being rolled out.
  - Enhancements to Health & Dental Plan.
- Cole:
  - Cap for Block Party?
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- Keith:
  - 6500.
- Cole:
  - What is our decision/no-go date?
- Keith:
  - Two weeks prior, end of March.
  - If we say no, we’ll have lots of costs to pay.
  - Hope that doesn’t happen.
- Cole:
  - What is happening with the additional loan on the building project to alleviate the deficit?
  - Talking to RBC?
- Keith:
  - We have agreement in principle, but no numbers yet.
- Cole:
  - So it’s being worked on.

- Lauren’s update:
  - Launched Clubs Benefit grants via CampusBase:
    - Subsidizing use of Zoom, Slack Pro, etc.
    - Event assistance grant, e.g., subsidizing Dance Club classes.
    - Free masks and hand sanitizer.
  - Collegia working to open for first day back in person.
  - Hatch Art Gallery:
    - “Where Have We Been?” exhibit underway. Getting a good reception.
  - Sustainability:
    - Preparing for first week back.
    - Partnering with Constituencies.
  - Clubs Days happening:
    - Modified to work around rapid testing.
    - Will be Imagine Day style on Main Mall.
    - February 16.

- Saad’s update:
  - Wrapping up federal lobby week. Sending letters of support to MP’s.
  - Heading into provincial lobby week today.
    - Meeting the Greens.
    - NDP and Liberals next week.
    - Added Alliance of BC Students as partner.
    - Talking about students with disabilities.
  - With SASC, working with Naloxone distributor.
  - New provincial government campaign on sexual violence prevention (“Not Yes”).
- Want it to be big.
- Will do a presentation to Council.
  - TransLink:
    - Wrapping up U-Pass exemptions.
    - Then the auditing process.
    - Closing the subsidy soon.
  - Working with Utile on the housing project.
    - Making sure it does not get lost.
    - Next steps for next year.
- Keith:
  - Looking at having a booth at Block Party for Naloxone.
  - Should we also have a drug testing site?
- Saad:
  - We should. Will reach out.
  - Where is the money for fentanyl strips coming from?
- Keith:
  - Didn’t know we had to buy them.
- Mitchell:
  - We received some from Eshana’s office.
- Saad:
  - We should be purchasing a good amount.
  - Can use the Health & Dental Plan.
- Cole:
  - Should be looking at partnering with St. John’s Ambulance, Good Night Out, etc.
- Keith:
  - Already doing that.
  - St. John’s Ambulance, Red Cross.
  - If there are others, let me know.
- Saad:
  - They should be included in the branding.
  - Need to let students know about the safety initiatives.
  - If we’re doing a presentation on Block Party, it should include Safety.

Mary’s update:
- Q3 for February 16 Council.
- Budget reforecast being reviewed at Fincom; probably ready for February 16.
- Health & Dental:
  - Finalizing provider for the virtual health care system for the referendum.

Mitchell’s update:
- Data issues. New system.
Signed MoU with UBC for the AMS Food Bank and the Acadia Food Hub.

Peer Support:
- Harm reduction boething in Nest, February 14-18.
- Talking of positivity, mental health.
- Working with Law on training on Naloxone.

eHub:
- Working with e@UBC on mentorship, solidifying relationship.
- Figuring out the campus ecosystem.

Tutoring:
- Partnering with Beyond Tomorrow’s Scholars.

SASC is organizing training about sexualized violence.

Housing:
- Putting a plan together.

**Lorris’s update:**
- Collecting Services data. Finalizing vendor.
- Recruitment plan.
- SASC referendum question for Council.

[Eshana returns.]

**Eshana’s update:**
- Masks.
- UBC budget process.
- Affordability Plan.
- Academic Misconduct regulation.
- Rapid testing starting February 7 at UBC:
  - We pushed for that.
  - Pushing for more access, for asymptomatic individuals too.
- Academic Experience Survey going to Advocom.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.