



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 30, 2022

Attendance

Present: Mary Gan (VP Finance), Eshana Bhangu (VP Academic & University Affairs), 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)

Regrets: Cole Evans (President)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:41 am in Nest Room 3511 with Mary in the chair.

Agenda

- The agenda was adopted (Mary, Eshana).

Minutes

- The minutes of March 23 were postponed.

Pit Speaker Replacement

- Keith:
 - After not being in operation during COVID, the Pit has come back.
 - The speakers in the Pit are from 2015, when we moved into the Nest.
 - The loud bass has caused damage; sound is not coming from one side.
 - They're not working properly.
 - The DJ's have been complaining.
 - We're looking to replace the six old speakers with four new ones plus two amplifiers: there will be an even better quality of sound.
 - We received three quotes.
 - The one accepted is for about \$22,000, including taxes.
 - It will come from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund, which has a balance of \$373,000.
 - The request also has to go to the Finance Committee and then Council.
 - Once we get approval, we can get the speakers in a week, and they'll go up immediately.

MOVED ESHANA, SECONDED SAAD:

“That the Executive recommend the expenditure of \$22,430.80 from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund for the purchase of replacement speakers for the Pit.”

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Updates

- *Keith's update:*
 - Is everyone okay with ending vaccination checks April 8?
- Eshana:
 - Why don't we talk about that next week?
- Keith:
 - Goal-setting for departments.
 - Once we finish the Strategic Plan, we will revisit the goals.
 - Reviving summer Pit Nights.

- *Eshana's update:*
 - The Academic Experience Survey will launch soon.
 - Planning to give out eight prizes of \$1,000 in tuition credits as incentive to take part.
 - Involved in Provost search.

- *Saad's update:*
 - UCRU fee.
 - HOUSE (Utile) project.
 - Doing an AMA with Erin (VP-elect).
 - Extending the deadline for External hiring.
 - UBC SkyTrain extension endorsed by Vancouver City Council, which recommended a station at Jericho Lands, the site of future affordable housing.

- *Mary's update:*
 - Budget.
- Mitchell:
 - What's the status of the new financial system?
- Keith:
 - COVID slowed us down.
 - Will happen over the summer.
 - The reimbursement part will be done first.

- *Lauren's update:*

- Hatch show finished; new one “What is a Student Body?” runs April 1-8!
- Working on the Sensory Room, procuring materials.
- Doing inventory of the Commons equipment (resources for clubs) and looking to purchase some new equipment.
- Helping clubs with club elections.
- Club renewal form is out.
- Transitioning the next VP Admin.
- New club application approvals finish this week.

- *Mitchell’s update:*
 - eHub’s RBC Get Seeded event was very successful.
 - Advocacy: Orienting volunteers to attend hearings.
 - Housing:
 - Updating website.
 - Increased drop-in times.
 - Using social media.
 - Food Bank:
 - Creating reports for UBC because they give support.
 - Peer Support Week went well.
 - Safewalk dashcams.
 - Tutoring:
 - Preparing for the end of year.

- *Lorris’s update:*
 - Services survey received 100 responses; we will analyze.
 - 50% do access the Services.
 - Data collection:
 - The company met with the Service Coordinators and will present us with solutions.
 - Two new support workers for SASC.
 - Two candidates for coordinator.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.