



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 27, 2022

Attendance

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

Regrets: Lorris Leung (Senior Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am in Nest Room 3511.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Cole, Eshana).

Minutes

- Approval of the minutes was postponed.

New Policies

- Cole:
 - Bringing several policy changes to Council tonight:
 - The new Policy on Prizes and Awards:
 - Previously approved by Exec; now with some minor tweaks.
 - A new Media Interaction Policy:
 - Revising the old Media Policy.
 - Got rid of some definitions.
 - Before, the President and the Communications Manager had equal authority, leading to weird situations.
 - Now in all communications, personnel will defer to the President.
 - The Communications Manager will only be the spokesperson when authorized by the President.
 - That's in alignment with Code, and it's best to have only one.

- Subject matter experts will have to undergo media training, with some exceptions.
 - New language on statements.
 - I-12, the old policy on the Academic Experience Survey, will become a more general policy on surveys.
 - It will refer to the Student Experience Survey, to be released in the first term.
 - The Academic Experience Survey will go out in the second term.
 - The Policy on Policies will be modified to add designated staff and Executives for each policy.
- The Executive agreed to the policy changes.

Humorous Farewells

100-Year Strategic Plan

- Eshana:
 - Why not?
 - We can scrap this year's plan.
 - We can do transformative things:
 - Put a pool in the Nest.
 - And slides.
- Sheldon:
 - There was a real plan for slides in the Nest at one point.
- Keith:
 - I killed it.
 - There were insurance issues.

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Eshana:
 - We can absorb other student unions.
 - It would cost \$30,000 to \$50,000 to buy UBC SUO.
- Cole:
 - The GSS would cost \$8,000.
 - It needs renovations.
 - We could acquire it easily.
 - The SFU student society is worth negative money; it's a reputational liability.
 - The Okanagan coffee shop has closed; we could franchise Blue Chip and operate it there.
 - We'd still have proprietary ownership and would bill them \$50,000.
- Eshana:
 - Need to improve the coffee quality.

- Cole:
 - Is it the coffee or the equipment?
 - What coffee should we bring in?
- Eshana:
 - Italian.
- Lauren:
 - Virtual coffee.
 - AMS crypto currency.
- Cole:
 - What would we call it?
 - Seagull?
 - We should create a non-fungible token.

Party bus

- Cole:
 - We want to buy buses.
- Keith:
 - The original idea, when an Executive a few years back wanted a party bus, was to have one go up and down Broadway to bring people to the Pit.
- Mitchell:
 - Could be a shuttle from the airport.
- Cole:
 - Airport shuttle, Whistler shuttle?
- Sheldon:
 - Do you want to repurchase the Whistler Lodge?
- Cole:
 - Pass a referendum fee to purchase it.

MOVED COLE, SECONDED ESHANA:

“That the AMS strike an ad hoc committee to look into the acquisition of a fleet of party buses with capacity to brew.”

... Carried

Nest Expansion

- Saad:
 - Should add six new floors.
- Cole:
 - Vancity Community Banking will finance.
 - And we would add a pool and slides.
 - A water slide.

- Eshana:
 - Make the whole Atrium full of water.
- Cole:
 - Flying sleeping pods.
- Sheldon:
 - We used to have sleeping or rest areas in the Old SUB, but we found they were not used for sleeping.
- Cole:
 - Sleeping pods would just be sex pods.
- Keith:
 - It's going to be a fun year.

Real Farewell

- Cole:
 - Thanks, everyone.
 - This is the last Executive meeting for four of us.
 - I've been at three years of Exec meetings.
 - I will miss this board room – but will not be returning to it.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.