



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 1, 2022

Attendance

Present: Eshana Bhangu (President), Dana Turdy (VP Academic & University Affairs), Rita Jin (VP Finance), Ben Du (VP Administration), Erin Co (VP External), 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 10:17 am in Nest Room 3511.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes

- The minutes of May 25 were deferred.

Lorris Leaving

- Eshana:
 - We all hate Lorris for leaving, but are very excited and happy for you.

Oven

- Keith:
 - One of the ovens at the commissary (the main kitchen for the AMS) needs to be replaced.
 - It keeps breaking down and further repairs will be too expensive.
 - Replaced two other convection ovens last year.
 - This is a combi (combination) oven.
 - Expensive to replace: \$48,000.
 - Lead time to get a new one: 10-11 months.
 - It's still functional, but if it breaks down before the new one arrives, we do have another one upstairs, though it won't be convenient to use it, and it would cost to move it.
 - The expected lifespan for such ovens is 5 years, and we've had this one 7 years.

MOVED ERIN, SECONDED DANA:

“That the Executive Committee recommend the expenditure of \$48,048 from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund to purchase a new combi oven.”

... Carried

Executive Goals

- Eshana:
 - Aiming for a June 15 draft and June 22 approval of both the collective Executive Committee goals and the individual Executives’ goals.
 - This is based on moving the Council meeting to June 29 because the Speaker cannot attend on June 22.
 - Last time we talked about communications and engagement as collective goals.
- Mitchell:
 - Could the Great Trek be a goal?
- Eshana:
 - I’ll give it some thought.
 - Other ideas?
 - Good to have three or four.
- Dana:
 - Consultation process.
- Keith:
 - Fee restructure.
 - Implementation of the Equity Action Plan.
 - Governance review.
 - Indigenous financial guide.
 - Implementation of the Sustainability Action Plan.
- Eshana:
 - Sustainability would be more me and Ben.
 - Some things could be for the EDI office.
- Dana:
 - EDI as a goal?
- Eshana:
 - Your individual goals should be succinct.
 - Clear, concise, tangible goals.
 - Just for one year.
 - But if something is lasting more than one year, like Campus Vision 2050, you can have that.
- Ben:
 - Going to make Clubs Days bigger than ever.
 - A carnival like the PNE.

- Thinking of ferris wheels, live music, shows: Super Dogs.
- Eshana:
 - Let's have something written for next week.

Israel letter to BoG

- Eshana:
 - Lots of consultation on the letter.
 - There's also the Council-directed statement.
 - Both being worked on.

Council

- Eshana:
 - Going to have a pre-Council Budget meeting.

Managing Director's Update

- Keith:
 - First round of collective bargaining to begin Friday: just a preliminary meeting.
 - Lorris is leaving.
 - New financial system will come in via two phases:
 - First for reimbursements.
 - The rest later.

Executive Updates

- *Ben's update:*
 - Clubs Days 20-23 September.
 - Club executive orientations have launched.
 - Office and Locker allocations.
 - Room bookings:
 - Going to start the process of improving the system for users.
 - Sustainability:
 - June priorities coming up.
 - Soapstand requires maintenance.
 - Talking to the Resource Groups about doing a survey about improving their physical space.
 - Hatch Art Gallery:
 - Has a commercial client now.
 - Planning for the academic year.
 - SASC has an exhibit scheduled for March.
 - Evaluation of permanent art collection.

- *Rita's update:*
 - Budget.
 - Credit card policy amendment to increase clarity: not huge changes.
 - Code change to increase use of Clubs Benefit and Constituency Aid funds:
 - Increasing number of projects from one to three.
 - Also allow subsidies for club membership fees and Constituency events.
 - Rolling out credit cards this month.

- *Dana's update:*
 - Campus Vision 2050: Submitting to BoG and the Property Committee.
 - Academic Experience Survey closing: 1090 responses. Not bad.
 - Harm reduction:
 - BC is decriminalizing possession of certain substances.
 - Looking into the effect of that on UBC housing policy and punitive measures re drugs.
 - Needle disposal: Should have bins in washrooms.

- Keith:
 - There are in the men's room.

- Lorris:
 - Not in the women's.

- Eshana:
 - Let's just add them in the women's.

- Dana:
 - SASC:
 - Meeting with them about their 20th anniversary.
 - Probably doing something in August.

- *Erin's update:*
 - Two new people starting today.
 - BC budget moved up to June this year from September.
 - Campus Vision 2050.
 - Lots of meetings with government staffers.
 - Rapid transit.
 - My team has created several briefs.

- *Eshana's update:*
 - Councillor Orientation: planning make-up session.
 - Societies Act issue:
 - If miss three meetings, you lose your seat on a board of directors.

- Sheldon:
 - I haven't seen that in the Societies Act or the upcoming changes.

- Will check.
- Eshana:
 - EDI work.
 - Getting the Indigenous Committee up and running; maybe make it into an Indigenous constituency.
 - Strategic Plan: making progress.
 - Governance Review:
 - Considering options, e.g., doing it internally via an ad hoc committee.
 - Jump Start orientation.

Services Updates

- Mitchell:
 - Staff in new roles.
 - Waiting for a Tutoring Coordinator.
 - Amending Food Bank's budget.
 - Review of Safewalk usage: adjusting teams.
 - Meeting the new Respondent in the VP Students Office, with the Advocacy Coordinator.
 - Peer Support hiring.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.