



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 31, 2022

**Attendance**

Present: Eshana Bhangu (President), Dana Turdy (VP Academic & University Affairs), Ben Du (VP Administration), Erin Co (VP External), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 10:47 am in Nest Room 3511.

**Agenda**

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

**Minutes**

- The minutes of August 10 and 17 were tabled until the end of the meeting.

**Welcome Back Barbecue**

- Eshana:
  - How many tickets have been sold?
- Keith:
  - 3200, about 60% of capacity. (Capacity is 6000.)
  - Trying to sell out.
  - Need more advertising.
  - There was a spike last week when we did a post.
  - Need to sell out to break even.
- Dana:
  - How well was Block Party doing at an equivalent time?
- Keith:
  - They were at the same stage as this, and then sold out.
- Eshana:
  - It's worrying because it's the first time doing Welcome Back this size since Covid.
- Erin:
  - We should put up posters around residences and use social media.

- Ben:
  - Let's announce the headliners.

### **Safe Haven App**

- Eshana:
  - Reached out to by U of T students who use this app.
- Dana:
  - You press a button and it notifies friends and family that you're on your way home.
  - Has lots of features.
  - Could call Campus Security or 911.
  - Can record audio; might be used as evidence.
  - Good success at U of T.
  - Can partner with Uber or Lyft.
  - 60 cents per student, or \$36,000.
- Erin:
  - We do have Safewalk.
- Eshana:
  - Might integrate with Safewalk.
  - Or we could develop our own app.
- Erin:
  - Western has an app to see restaurant menus and services, directing you to bookings.
  - A bit like Campus Base.
- Keith:
  - Something for the new Senior Manager of Student Services to evaluate.
- Eshana:
  - And IT for the app.
- Keith:
  - This assumes we don't have SASC.

### **International Overdose Awareness Day**

- Eshana:
  - Putting communications out on that.

### **Managing Director's Update**

- Keith:
  - Draft audit: made a small surplus, but still in deficit from subsidizing Health & Dental benefits.
    - Council presentation next time.
    - Deficit discussion then.

- New Senior Manager of Student Services: Kathleen Simpson, former AMS VP External.
- New furniture in the Gallery has arrived.
  - Old chairs have been moved out to the corridor and the Lev Bukhman Lounge.
  - Tables moved to Lower Level.
  - Rather than throw the old furniture out.

### **Out on the Shelves**

- Eshana:
  - The Out on the Shelves Library is finding their space too small (in the Resource Groups area).
  - Trying to find a space that does it justice.

### **Executive Updates**

- *Erin's update:*
  - Harm reduction.
  - UCRU.
  - Municipal elections.
  - Provincial lobbying.
- *Dana's update:*
  - Harm reduction.
  - Sexual violence conversation.
  - SASC coffee sleeve campaign.
  - Housing Toolkit.
- *Ben's update:*
  - Plans for Clubs Fair.
    - Talking with external organizations about sponsorship.
    - No ferris wheel – but Super Dogs!
  - New club applications.
  - Club office allocations.
  - Permanent art collection on display.
- Eshana:
  - Let's start a conversation about selling a painting to help the deficit.
- *Eshana's update:*
  - Financial Quarterly: Code suspension to delay it.
  - Strategic Plan.
- Keith: We need a Framework more than a Plan.

- Eshana:
  - Elections Administrator appointment on Council docket:
    - A lot of Constituency by-elections coming up.
  - Speaking to VP Students about getting more funding.
- Erin:
  - U-Pass fund: doing research on opting in.
  - Money towards Food Bank
  - Also for Housing.
- Eshana:
  - Health & Dental Reserve.
- Keith:
  - Need a referendum.
- Erin:
  - Free contraceptives.
- Keith:
  - A lot of that is covered by the Health & Dental Plan.
  - There's also \$1 million in tuition surplus that was allocated to the Norm Theatre.
- Eshana:
  - Great Trek celebration.
  - Faculty Cup.

**Minutes**

- The minutes of August 10 and 17 were approved as corrected (Erin, Dana).

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.