



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 12, 2022

Attendance

Present: Eshana Bhangu (President), Dana Turdy (VP Academic & University Affairs), Ben Du (VP Administration), Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Erin Co (VP External)

Guests: Annabelle Liao (Sustainability Projects Coordinator)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am in Nest Room 3511.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Lending Library

- Annabelle:
 - This will be a resource hub where students can borrow equipment to increase accessibility to items they can't afford to buy.
 - Low cost, low barrier.
 - Still finalizing a location.
 - Drew up an inventory list.
 - Did a survey inquiring about needs.
 - 63.7% said they would use such a thing.
 - They would pay for borrowing.
 - Preferred lending time: a week.
 - Mostly undergraduates.
 - Diverging from last year's Thingery proposal, which was mostly for repair tools.
 - Survey showed no interest in that.
 - Students instead want culinary, recreational, artistic, and technological equipment, and academic aids.
 - Current location plan: next to Interactive Sustainability Centre.

- It would also be a place to study and would have a work bench where borrowers can sanitize what they borrow.
 - Planning a return deposit, 25% of replacement cost, to ensure safe return.
 - QR codes on each item.
 - Will use volunteers.
 - Quality assurance.
 - Equipment cost: \$4,000. Choosing budget-friendly items.
 - Construction cost: \$38,000.
- Ben:
 - Want to go to Council to get funding from the Capital Projects Fund (CPF).
- Eshana:
 - Why not the Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF)?
- Ben:
 - Could do that.
 - We changed Code to allow the AMS itself to apply to SPF.
- Eshana:
 - Only \$4,000 for equipment, but \$38,000 for construction?
 - Is it worth it?
 - And if students don't borrow, what then?
- Annabelle:
 - That's why we're only starting with \$4,000 worth.
- Sheldon:
 - Is this renting or borrowing equipment?
- Ben:
 - There is a payment.
- Annabelle:
 - And a deposit.
- Eshana:
 - Consequences if someone doesn't return something?
 - A 25% deposit may not be enough.
 - Maybe better to have severe consequences.
- Dana:
 - Get their credit card when they borrow, and if they don't return ...
- Ben:
 - SPF for the \$4,000 and CPF for the \$38,000?
- Eshana:
 - We have a lot of other CPF projects underway: Pie R, air conditioning, Food Bank, financial systems.
- Keith:
 - We need to see the operational model.
 - What system will there be to track inventory?

- Have to figure out how to deal with non-returns.
- Liability if someone burns themselves with a grill they borrow from us.
- Who's doing safety tutorials?
- Who's doing quality assurance checks?
- We tried this in the Clubs Resource Centre: equipment given to clubs did not return.
- Eshana:
 - This requires more thought.
 - Keith, Ben, and I can come up with a plan.

PC1 and PC2

- Eshana:
 - Next week.

Minutes

- The minutes of September 21 and 28 and October 7 were postponed.

Updates

- *Kathleen's update:*
 - Safewalk vehicle suffered hit and run; is not working now.
 - Repairs will take a couple of weeks.
 - Our other vehicle is not working either; it had an accident three or four months ago.
 - Getting quote on Friday.
 - Food Bank:
 - Asking UBC's Andrew Parr about lower rates for Food Bank.
- *Keith's update:*
 - Planning Blue Chip move.
 - Financial system update to Council.
 - Planning next year's budget.
 - \$4 million loan for renovation of lower level of Life Building came in.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.