



**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.