



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 4, 2023

Attendance

Present: Eshana Bhangu (President), Anisha Sandhu (VP Academic & University Affairs), Ben Du (VP Administration), Lawrence Liu (VP Finance), Erin Co (VP External, arrived 12:05), Celia Chung (Acting Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager of Student Services)

Guests: Bernadette De Vera (AVP Sustainability)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 11:43 am in Nest Room 3511.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes

- Minutes were postponed.

Air Travel Policy

- Bernadette:
 - Have drafted a policy.
 - We're committed to reducing emission levels, and want AMS employees to travel with the lowest level of emissions while still maintaining their professional development and doing such things as external lobbying.
 - We want people to consider alternatives to travelling: remote attendance, videoconferencing.
 - People should use the Air Travel Decision Tree; it will provide suggestions on ways to lessen impact.
 - The policy will also encourage use of economy class in line with the general policy on expenditures.
- Eshana:
 - We do that anyway (use economy for flights).
 - Will this apply to all staff?

- Bernadette:
 - I think so.
- Discussion of Responsible Body for the policy:
 - Operations Committee? Governance Committee? HR Committee? Exec?
 - To be decided later.

[Erin arrived.]

Survey Policy

- Anisha:
 - Amending the Survey Policy.
 - Adding a timeline for the Academic Experience Survey (AES):
 - It should be done in January or February so the team that sends it out is also the one that handles the data.
 - New ad hoc survey section: better definitions about that.
 - Encouraging the Executive Committee to decide at the beginning of the year what surveys will be done.
- Eshana:
 - Didn't run a Student Experience Survey (SES) this year.
 - That survey should be for student engagement, whereas the AES is meant to inform our advocacy.
 - The SES could be in November.
- Anisha:
 - Yes, the idea is Term One, around Fall Reading Break.
 - Launching it the last week of October, after the AGM.
- Eshana:
 - We don't want to be super prescriptive.
 - This year there were so many surveys.
- Anisha:
 - When people want one, they should check in with the Executive.
 - Surveys for Events and Services can be rescheduled.
 - Our priority is our two big surveys (NES and AES).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.