



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 23, 2023

**Attendance**

Present: Eshana Bhangu (President), Ben Du (VP Administration), Lawrence Liu (VP Finance), Erin Co (VP External), Celia Chung (Acting Managing Director), Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager of Student Services), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Anisha Sandhu (VP Academic & University Affairs)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 11:14 am in Nest Room 3511.

**Agenda**

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

**Minutes**

- Minutes were postponed.

**Block Party**

- Eshana:
  - Tickets on sale.
  - Not about making money, but about throwing a party for students so they can have fun.
  - Talked to AMS Events about promotions and giveaways.
- Erin:
  - Need more fun things at Block Party: bubbles, a T-shirt gun.
- Eshana:
  - Talk to Events.
  - Need a bigger talent budget.
  - Hopefully we'll sell out.
  - A packed event is more important than making money.

**Brew Fest etc.**

- Eshana:
  - AMS Events party for St. Patrick's Day.

- Was great.
- Tickets were cheap.
- Pit Night later sold out.
- Can we do Pit Nights on Thursdays? Weekends?
- There's Greek Life on Wednesday, same night as Pit Night.
- Lawrence:
  - But people come here later after being at the fraternities.
- Celia:
  - Historically the Pit did not do well on the weekend.
- Sheldon:
  - Students would go downtown instead.
  - But the Pit used to be open every weeknight.
- Eshana:
  - The Pit needs to look like a club scene.

## Updates

- *Erin's update:*
  - Transit campaign: gathering data..
- *Ben's update:*
  - Club renewals until April 15.
  - Collecting public-facing club information to create a directory.
    - Creating our own website so people don't have to go to CampusBase for the directory.
    - First step towards a possible in-house platform.
  - More microwaves coming: tripling the number.
    - Eshana:
      - Will there be a hub? A wall?
    - Ben:
      - People don't want a hub.
      - They say it will create overcrowding.
      - Instead we will set up satellites, spreading microwaves through the Nest, in the pocket lounges.
  - Club booking improvement process:
    - A cross-department effort involving both the student side and the professional staff in Conferences & Catering.
- *Lawrence's update:*
  - More revenue from students through fees.
  - Budget for next year.

- A couple of clubs have been in debt for a couple of years.
- Renewing our Square readers.
- Probably moving from Showpass to Bounce.
  
- *Eshana's update:*
  - Kamil has resigned from my staff to focus on transitioning to be VPAUA.
  - Governance Review.
  - The Digital Assessment Tools Cap Policy just passed at Senate.
  - Creating a Constituency Repository of resources.
  - Strategic Plan.
  - Managing Director:
    - Hopefully hiring soon.
  - Correspondence to the Board of Governors about food security:
    - Want to increase the AMS share.
    - Suggested reducing the funding for the UBC Meal Share Program, which is just a lottery, and directing the money to AMS Food Bank.
    - The goal is to get more for Food Bank.
  - Campus Vision 2050:
    - We presented our non-negotiables.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.