



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

**AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of October 19, 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: Michael Kingsmill (Design Office)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 10:51 am in Nest Room 3511.

**Agenda**

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

**SLFS/SASC Agreement**

- Kathleen:
  - Conversation about renewing.
  - Discussion of length of agreement.
  - SLFS (the Student Legal Fund Society) gives us money for SASC – for individuals' legal cases.
- Eshana:
  - Uncomfortable with this for governance reasons.
  - Taking money from SLFS.
  - Don't think they're meant to fund SASC.
  - It's not very transparent.
  - I don't see the urgency of renewing: SASC just got a fee increase.
- Keith:
  - We could change the purposes of the Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund to cover legal expenses.
- Dana:
  - How much was used in the past year?

- Kathleen:
  - Some years we don't touch it, some years we do: maybe \$6,000.
- Ben:
  - Not a lot of money.
- Kathleen:
  - Also SASC refers to non-profits for pro bono legal work.
- Ben:
  - Should students apply directly to the SLFS?
- Dana:
  - That's a lot to put on the student survivor.
- Eshana:
  - I don't think we need the SLFS money.
- Dana:
  - Why not accept the money?
  - For survivors.
  - Is it wrong?
- Eshana:
  - I'm concerned about the governance perspective.
  - Not sure about taking money from the unelected leadership of the SLFS.
  - It was not democratic the way they took power.
  - What does it say about the AMS to accept this money?
- Dana:
  - It depends whether you think they're legitimate.
- Kathleen:
  - Usually we renew the agreement every year.
  - They're talking of a five-year agreement.
  - We said two years.
  - There's also an advocacy commitment (for the Advocacy Office in Services).
  - They pay for translators for cases.
  - \$2,000 a term.
- Eshana:
  - I don't agree with accepting the money.
- Ben:
  - It's not necessarily out of their mandate.
- Kathleen:
  - Housing also refers to them.
- Eshana:
  - That's just a normal referral.
- Kathleen:
  - They pay RTA fees.

- Eshana:
  - We're not going to take money from the SLFS to fund our Services.

**Minutes**

- The minutes of September 21 and 28 and October 7 and October 12 were postponed to an email vote.

**Knoll Sign**

- Michael Kingsmill:
  - It will say AMS Student Nest in silver lettering.
- Eshana:
  - We love it.
- Michael:
  - The Grad Class funded the project.
  - It's a very old project.
  - Precedes the building of the Nest.
  - The money was parked.
  - The Knoll was flagged as an icon.
  - The idea was developed to use it for a signifier for the building.
  - It incorporates AMS font styles and branding.
  - The colour could be all blue or all silver.
  - It will be steel: strong to avoid bending.
  - A good place for photo ops.
  - LED strip to illuminate it.
- Eshana:
  - Love the sign.
  - Silver might look nicer. Matches our letters. Better in all lighting.
- Michael:
  - Blue has a stronger contrast and is more legible in the daytime, but I do support silver (it's not really silver; it's aluminum).
  - We have to get a development permit.
  - Could take 6-8 weeks.
  - The University art committee has to approve.
  - Will get pricing.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.