



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

**AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of April 11, 2023

**Attendance**

Present: Eshana Bhangu (President), Anisha Sandhu (VP Academic & University Affairs), Ben Du (VP Administration), Lawrence Liu (VP Finance), Erin Co (VP External, left 1 pm), Celia Chung (Acting Managing Director), Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager of Student Services), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 12:50 pm in Nest Room 3511.

**Agenda**

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

**Minutes**

- Minutes of past meetings from October-November and February-March were approved by email.

**Strategic Plan**

- Eshana:
  - New draft of Mission Statement.
  - Values are now called Guiding Principles and Values.
  - A new Vision.

[Erin left.]

- Eshana:
  - Been working on the plan for the past year.
  - Realizing we face similar problems every year, just in different forms.
  - The plan discusses challenges, e.g.:
    - Addressing stagnant operations, as we did this past year with reimbursements.
    - Staying relevant to our members when there is so much else competing for their attention.
    - Making sure we don't feel comfortable.

- Advocacy strategy:
  - UBC listens to us because we've been tangible with our asks and negotiate in good faith.
  - That's why we have a seat at almost every table.
  - We earned those seats, but they could be lost.
  - A lot of people ask for lots of things at all times.
  - We can't do them all.
  - We have to prioritize – but have to communicate to the membership about that.
- I have a good feeling about this plan staying relevant.
- We spent a lot of money on consultation last year.
- Thank you to Cole for preparing an earlier draft.
- Strategic priorities from management went into this as well.

## Partnerships

- Eshana:
  - Seeking partnerships and collaboration to fund priorities.
- Ben:
  - Funding could be used for:
    - Food security (a Food Bank vehicle)
    - Career support for students
    - Equity
    - Climate research – Sustainability Projects Fund.
- Other suggestions:
  - International student support.
  - Financial literacy.
- Eshana:
  - Seeking value for students.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm.