



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 17, 2023

Attendance

Present: Esmé Decker (President), Ian Caguiat (VP Administration), Tina Tong (VP External), Justin Lieu (Managing Director), Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager of Student Services), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Kamil Kanji (VP Academic & University Affairs), Abhi Mishra (VP Finance)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:16 am in Nest Room 3529.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Esmé, Ian).

Minutes

- The minutes of May 5 were postponed.

Updates

- *Esmé's update:*
 - Was in Toronto, at U of T. Heard about their Haven app (for safety).
 - Staff working on Council orientation for May 28.
- Kathleen:
 - We turned down creating a safety app for Safewalk.
 - Not necessarily a good fit.
- *Ian's update:*
 - Revised version of agreement with CiTR.
 - Going to say yes.
 - It will allow them to do ICA's (independent contractor agreements) for less than \$100 without us signing off on them.
 - Sending introduction to the Resource Groups.
 - Club renewals are starting.
 - Club exec training workshops in August.
 - Clubs Fair September 26-29.

- Hatch Art Gallery:
 - Art collection audit.
 - Working on donation procedures for art.
- ASAP (our sustainability plan) up for review.
- Looking at SPF (Sustainability Projects Fund) process.
- Reviewing the Operations Committee Policy Manual.
- Meeting with Michael Kingsmill about renovation projects.
 - The air conditioning project is not happening this summer.
- Kathleen:
 - Can we meet to discuss the ethical purchasing part of ASAP and how it affects Food Bank?
- Ian:
 - Trying to remove the ethical purchasing section of ASAP and make it into a separate policy.
- Sheldon:
 - It used to be a separate policy.
- *Tina's update:*
 - Draft done for submission for BC budget consultation.
 - Presentation May 30.
 - Will have a longer version as well as the short version.
 - Our asks will be:
 - Student financial aid: expanding the BC access grant, repeating an ask from last year.
 - More funding for sexualized violence protection, repeating an ask we've been making for multiple years.
 - Difficult to get money to go to Food Bank, so we're proposing a new grant on food security to go directly to students
 - U-Pass:
 - Exemptions.
 - Summer subsidy program that the previous team introduced (have processed May applications).
 - SUDS, the Student Union Development Summit, our annual summer conference of student unions:
 - Finalizing the guest list.
 - Reaching out to sponsors and venues.
 - Two presenters confirmed.
 - UCRU (Undergraduates of Canadian Research-intensive Universities, the federal student group we belong to):
 - Meeting and onboarding.
 - UAC (the U-Pass Advisory Committee):
 - Meeting.

- U-Pass contract runs till April 2025.
 - Planning to negotiate an extension through the summer of 2025.
- UNA (University Neighbourhoods Association, for non-student residents on campus):
 - Meeting May 16; we attended.
 - Asked about appointing a student rep.
- ABCS, Association of BC Students:
 - We're not part, but we work closely with them.
- Met with Premier David Eby:
 - A getting to know each other meeting.
 - Staying in touch about advocacy.
- BCFS, BC Federation of Students:
 - Another provincial group.
 - Going to meet with them.
- Discussions of merging UCRU with CASA (another federal student group, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations).
 - UCRU could become a subsidiary of CASA.
 - CASA has many schools; UCRU is only for the larger schools.
 - UCRU's problem is that it is not centralized; it's a loose coalition and not sustainable the way it is.
- *Kathleen's update:*
 - Food Bank:
 - Opened Monday.
 - Fewer people using it than normal. Gives us some breathing room.
 - Last hiring for Food Bank.
 - Food Bank renovations.
 - Food Bank vehicle.
 - Preparing report for Council on user data for the Services.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.