



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 31, 2023

Attendance

Present: Esmé Decker (President), Ian Caguiat (VP Administration), Kamil Kanji (VP Academic & University Affairs), Abhi Mishra (VP Finance), Tina Tong (VP External), Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager of Student Services), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Justin Lieu (Managing Director)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 11:48 am in Nest Room 3529.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes

- The minutes of May 25 were approved (Esmé, Ian).

BC budget consultation

- Tina:
 - Presentation went well (to the Finance & Government Services Committee).
 - The ABCS also presented on sexualized violence, adding on to what we said.

Executive Goals

- Esmé:
 - EDI's been on for a couple of years, so is here again, and now we have Minnie as the Equity person.
- Abhi:
 - Financial sustainability should be central, or else we will not be able to support all our services and operations.
 - We keep pulling from our investments to cover Health & Dental.
 - We need to get our priorities in order.
 - We need to look for donors and partners; fundraising.

- Kathleen:
 - We used to have someone doing that.
- Esmé:
 - Should it be just Financial Sustainability and not Affordability?
- Kamil:
 - Yes, move Affordability to Student Life and Well-being.
- Ian:
 - Let's say something about making events better, relevant, in touch with the student body.
- Esmé:
 - Rebuilding relations between student groups.
 - Implementing the Strategic Plan.
- Kamil:
 - Council will want specificity.
- Tina:
 - Let's talk of safety and wellness resources instead of saying mental health.
 - Need to be broader.
- Kamil:
 - Don't need to mention we're doing policy reviews: that's part of our job.
- Ian:
 - In the goal on Strengthening Connections and Community, let's talk about students rather than student groups.
- Esmé:
 - It can begin by saying the goal is increasing understanding of how students can access support and resources.
- Kathleen:
 - In Services, our approach has been to find the students where they are, not expecting them to find us.
 - Finding ways to reach out and going beyond social media and emails.
- Kamil:
 - We can place cards on tables in the Nest.
- Esmé:
 - In person engagement.
- Abhi:
 - We can talk about classroom announcements, cards on tables, etc. as examples.
- Kathleen:
 - Posters, physical signage.
- Abhi:
 - WeChat?
- Esmé:
 - Talk about the consultation framework?

- Implementation of engagement principles.
- Tina:
 - For the Financial Sustainability goal, we can talk about decreasing dependence on student fees.
- Esmé:
 - Need to review the Equity Action Plan.
- Ian:
 - Do we need EDI as a goal?
 - It should be integrated into everything we do.
- Esmé:
 - Yes, the point is to integrate it into the organization so that we don't have to mention it.
- There was agreement to cut the EDI goal.
- Esmé:
 - Now that we've drafted the goals, we can talk to the managers about them at the Friday meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm.