



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 21, 2023

Attendance

Present: Esmé Decker (President), Ian Caguiat (VP Administration), Kamil Kanji (VP Academic & University Affairs), Abhi Mishra (VP Finance), Tina Tong (VP External), Justin Lieu (Managing Director, left 10:27), 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 10:07 am in Nest Room 3529 and over Zoom.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes

- The minutes of June 16 were approved (Esmé, Tina).

Goals

- Esmé:
 - Want a sense of what everyone's goals are so we can approve them to go to Council.
 - Looking for connections, collaboration.
 - Clarifying policies and rules on clubs.
 - On tuition, VPAUA and VP External working together.
 - Advocacy to the University and the province.
 - Seeking increased funding through operating grants.
 - Providing education for careers needed in the province, e.g., teachers and doctors.
- Ian:
 - Working with Abhi on funds for clubs.
- Abhi:
 - Justin and I have to work together on hiring a financial analyst.
 - And working with Kamil on UBC partnership.

- Justin:
 - How set are we on hiring a financial analyst?
 - We need someone, but is it a financial analyst?
 - Maybe say something more broad.
- Abhi:
 - Hiring an additional person in the office of the VP Finance.
- Esmé:
 - Health and Dental:
 - Negotiating for further improvements in gender-affirming care.
 - Changing the consultation process.
- Abhi:
 - Do a mini-focus group.

[Justin leaves.]

- Esmé:
 - University advocacy:
 - Focus on mental health coverage.
 - Advocate that the University contribute funding to the Health & Dental Plan.
- Kamil:
 - Advocating for two SkyTrain stations on campus.
 - Lobby to remove provincial moratorium on external borrowing by the University (which prevents the University from borrowing for housing etc.).
- Tina:
 - The province doesn't want to take on the University's debt.
 - Someone wanted more Town Halls.
- Abhi:
 - It's more about going to Constituency council meetings.
- Esmé:
 - I talked of having one or two Q&A socials per term – that would be our Town Halls.
 - Don't want to do too many.
- Abhi:
 - We should be meeting people where they're at (Constituency council meetings) rather than trying to get them to come to something.
- Tina:
 - Hosting workshops with politicians for students.
 - Other events with ministers, MLA's.
- Esmé:
 - Speak to UBC Young Liberals etc.: be careful what it looks like.

- But there's no elections coming up, so it will be more, Here's the current politician in charge of this.
- Tina:
 - How long do we have to present to Council?
- Esmé:
 - There will be separate motions. Can we do separate presentations?
 - Might be good to do all the presentations first and then the motions.
 - But either way can be good.
- Tina:
 - Will the Committees be presenting their goals too?
- Sheldon:
 - Committee goals just go to the Agenda Committee, not to Council.

MOVED ESME, SECONDED ABHI:

“That the Executive goals be approved to go to Council.”

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.