



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of July 7, 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 10:11 am in Nest Room 3529 and over Zoom.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes

- The minutes of June 21 were approved (Esmé, Kamil).

CASA

- Tina:
 - Finalizing Council presentation.
 - Will provide a brief history of UCRU, CFS, CASA.
 - Issues with UCRU.
 - Solution may be to join CASA.
 - But cons: fees.
 - Will talk about CASA's wins.
 - Will talk about CASA's observership program.
 - We could get students from University of Manitoba and University of Calgary to speak, or maybe just me.
 - Fraser Valley is in CASA; could have them come.
- Esmé:
 - You should do the presentation.
 - If there are any guests, they can briefly introduce themselves, but should mostly be there to answer questions.

- This is mostly for information.
- If Council seems interested in observership, we can move a motion for that from the floor.
- Probably people will want to think about it.
- Tina:
 - I'm neutral.
- Esmé:
 - How many schools are in CASA?
- Tina:
 - Lots of little schools.
 - Maybe fixing up UCRU is a better option: introducing a fee, creating a centralized office.
 - U of T, McMaster, and Western have become CASA observers.
 - In UCRU lately, no one's been too keen on taking offices.
 - The UCRU website is not working.
 - Nothing much is going on.
 - It's unproductive.
 - The CFS has 400,000 students; it's bigger, but not as good at lobbying as CASA.
 - It also has lots of small schools.
- Esmé:
 - If we want to stick with UCRU, we could try to shake it up.
 - You have an opportunity to lead there.
 - We could host their AGM in February.
 - Let's hear what Council has to say.

Ian's Goals

- Ian:
 - Removed the benefit and grant items.
 - Lowering expenses for things like the cooling zone.
 - Will provide a booking resource package for clubs instead of a venue benefit.
 - Will promote sustainable and affordable food options and food security initiatives instead of food support benefit.
 - Not going to fully execute the reusable container proposal; will do more research on it.
 - Also promoting bring your own container and the mugshare program.
 - UBC is in the process of mandating a reusable container program in their food services, and we will eventually have to do it as well.
 - Removed some goals after the June 27 Council meeting.
 - Focusing on collaboration with clubs on Culture Fest and Sustainability Week instead of providing direct funding.

- Esmé:
 - And some of your goals are just executing already approved initiatives or projects.
- Ian:
 - Yes.
- Esmé:
 - Looks really good.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.