



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

**AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of August 11, 2023

**Attendance**

Present: Esmé Decker (President), Kamil Kanji (VP Academic & University Affairs), Ian Caguiat (VP Administration), Abhi Mishra (VP Finance), Justin Lieu (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Tina Tong (VP External), Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager of Student Services)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 10:21 am in Nest Room 3529 and over Zoom.

**Agenda**

- The agenda was approved (Esmé, Kamil).

**Minutes**

- The minutes of July 28 and August 4 were postponed.

**Residence Housing**

- Esmé:
  - The group Improve UBC Housing has asked us to sign on to their letter opposing the recent reduction in front-desk service hours at certain student residences.
  - They raise health, safety, and accessibility issues.
  - Kamil has met them and UBC administrators.
  - There will also be a loss of overnight access to study areas, gyms, printers, etc.
  - There used to be 24/7 service at the front desks.
  - Now from 11 pm to 7 am, instead of having staff at the front desks, there will be mobile service teams.
  - The letter from the group calls for the reinstatement of 24/7 front desk service.
  - It also calls for other things, such as updating training protocols and introducing a clause into residents' contracts to allow emergency access to units.
  - The letter quotes UBC as saying the service reduction will produce no cost savings.
- Justin:
  - We may want to verify the statement about no cost savings.
  - How do we know current training protocols are not adequate?

- Esmé:
  - Before we sign the letter, we should confirm some things.
- Kamil:
  - We can do our own advocacy on this.
  - I'm meeting the Residence Hall Association about this in a couple of minutes.
- Esmé:
  - CTV wants to talk to us about this issue.
- Kamil:
  - Global too.

**Historical Photos**

- Ian:
  - Michael Kingsmill and I are bringing the Historical Timeline project to Operations Committee to get \$800 for it.
  - This is the display of historical photos on the wall by the main office.
  - Want to get it ready in time for SUDS.

**PC1 and PC2**

- Esmé:
  - Drafting done.
  - Need to do reformatting.
  - Sending the drafts out to stakeholders for consultation, including staff, the union, the Presidents Council, the GSS, SVPRO, the Resource Groups, and SASC.
  - Coming to next Exec meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.