



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 18, 2023

Attendance

Present: Esmé Decker (President), Kamil Kanji (VP Academic & University Affairs), Ian Caguiat (VP Administration), 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 10:14 am in Nest Room 3529 and over Zoom.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Esmé, Kamil).

Minutes

- The minutes of July 28, August 4, and August 11 were approved (Esmé, Kamil).

Advisory Board

- Esmé:
 - Chris Hakim is leaving as of August 28.
 - Thinking of possible replacements.
- Kamil:
 - Do we want someone recent or someone older, someone settled into a professional career?
- Esmé:
 - People settled into a stable position are more likely to be able to serve.
 - Also, we can always reach out to recent past Executives without putting them on the Advisory Board.

PC1 and PC2 (Policies on Respectful Community and Sexualized Violence)

- Esmé:
 - Recent additions:

- Amnesty clause for those who experienced harm while under the influence.
 - Assurance that they won't be prosecuted.
- Note about timelines:
 - Saying they are to be adhered to.
 - Investigator will notify parties if timelines shift.
- Involvement of SASC:
 - Want them to focus on care of the person.
 - They're an important consult; they must be consulted (change from "may").
- Decision Makers are mandated to get training; they're expected to listen to those we consult, the trained investigators, the Ombudsperson and the HR Manager.
- False claims:
 - Discussed the wording.
 - For cases clearly proven to be malicious and false.
 - This has come up in the past.
 - Met with lawyer specializing in this.
 - He said because of our history, it's important to have that clause.
- Changed wording about zero tolerance, following a SASC suggestion.
- On suggestion of SASC, thinking of adding a note about what questions can be asked:
 - Should not be questions about character or choices, e.g., sexual history.
- Looking at some definitions:
 - So far based on WorkSafe and the criminal code, e.g., terms like "consent" and "sexualized violence."
- Incorporated Ian's edits about no need to tell Building Operations about banning from clubs.
- VP Admin added as the one to consult about clubs.
- Resolving final suggestions and sending for email vote.
- Sent draft to Resource Groups and staff.
- Met with staff.
- Important we get this passed: the 2019 version is not working and needs to be changed.
 - People are being harmed because of it.

CM4 (Communication with the Musqueam)

- Esmé:
 - Based on recommendations from Mimi (the former Policy Advisor) and Eric (the Communications Manager).
 - Switching the liaison person from Policy Advisor to Communications Manager.

- Consulted Koda (Indigenous rep on Council) and the Indigenous Constituency.
- Consulted Ian for clubs:
 - Exemption for subsidiaries representing Indigenous students.
- Protocols not changed, so the appendices are staying the same.
- Ian:
 - How will clubs proceed?
 - Who's their first contact?
- Esmé:
 - They will go to the VP Admin, who will direct them to the Clubs Administrator and the Communications Manager.

MOVED ESME, SECONDED KAMIL:

“That the revised version of CM4 be recommended to Council.”

... Carried

- Esmé:
 - It's so good to pass the policies that have been overdue since 2021.

SUDS

- Tina:
 - Execs from across Canada are coming to UBC.
 - 100+ delegates.
 - Starting today with dinner, a keynote, nightlife.
 - Rest of the weekend: keynotes, workshops, networking sessions, night life.
 - Monday: checkout.
 - Thanks to Execs for signing up.
- Esmé:
 - Important for Execs to have a presence.
 - Meet people, represent the AMS, have fun, learn together.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.