



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 24, 2023

Attendance

Present: Esmé Decker (President), Kamil Kanji (VP Academic & University Affairs), Ian Caguiat (VP Administration, left at 6:05), Abhi Mishra (VP Finance), Joshua Kim (Interim VP External), Justin Lieu (Managing Director, arrived 5:05), 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 4:42 pm in Nest Room 3529 and was completely in person!

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Josh, Kamil).

Minutes

- Minutes were postponed.

Follow-Up on Israel-Palestine in the Nest

- Ian:
 - Both groups boothed in the Nest this past week and there were no problems.

Training for PC1 and PC2

- Ian:
 - Training is being arranged for the current PC1 and PC2 decision-makers (i.e., the Operations Committee and the Managing Director) as well as the Executive Team and others on fairness, privacy, anti-biased and anti-oppressive decision making and trauma-informed approaches to responding to sexualized violence.

[Ian leaves.]

Updates

- *Esmé's update:*
 - Consultant decision for PC1 and PC2: Robin Fern & Co.

- Planning schedule.
 - Next steps.
 - New SASC Manager: Ophelia Kehila.
 - Extensive experience.
 - UBC alum.
 - Lots of meetings and emails.
 - Calendly working for office hours.
 - In touch with Constituencies/Presidents Council.
 - AGM:
 - Should be in person next year.
- Kamil:
 - Need to offer incentives to attend the AGM.
- *Abhi's update:*
 - Updating financial procedures.
 - Met the Bike Kitchen:
 - Business plan template.
 - A recession is coming.
- *Justin's update:*
 - Meetings.
 - Blue Chip still behind.
 - Another leak.
 - Trying to identify the source.
 - Prepping advertising to fill old Blue Chip space.
 - Strategizing on Events.
- *Kathleen's update:*
 - Food Bank has new supplier (Loblaws) and we've gained 100,000 points by purchasing through them (or \$100).
 - Peer Support is organizing an event with Rabbitats: rabbits to interact with for wellness.
 - New Safewalk Coordinator.
- *Josh's update:*
 - Transportation/TransLink:
 - Collecting data.
 - Promoting the Burrard Area Transport Survey.
 - Transportation anecdotes on website.
 - Provincial lobbying:
 - Following up from Lobby Week.
 - Food security, affordability, etc.

- UCRU:
 - Discussing federal lobbying priorities.
- UNA:
 - Land Use Plan.
 - Joint advisory board: getting it going (I'm co-chair).
- *Kamil's update:*
 - Textbook Broke Campaign successful:
 - Aiming for 50-70,000 interactions.
 - Looking for quantitative measures to describe successful campaigns.
 - Releasing video on OER usage.
 - OER Impact Award in March.
 - New UBC award for profs using OER's.
 - Classroom announcements.
 - Budget submission process underway (for UBC budget).
 - Joint statement with UBC on mental health.
 - Food insecurity.
 - Support for international students.
 - Undergraduate Research Fund.
- Justin:
 - Invite Dr. Bacon to lunch with the Executives.
- Kamil:
 - Yes, and maybe to Council too.
- Sheldon:
 - Give him a copy of my book.
- Justin:
 - We can give him a welcome basket.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.