



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 17, 2023

Attendance

Present: Kamil Kanji (VP Academic & University Affairs/acting President), Abhi Mishra (VP Finance), Joshua Kim (Interim VP External), Ian Caguiat (VP Administration), Justin Lieu (Managing Director), 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 11:05 am in Nest Room 3529 and on Zoom.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Josh, Abhi).

Minutes

- The minutes of November 2 were approved (Josh, Ian).

Updates

- *Josh's update:*
 - Data from TransLink:
 - We're the third most used transit system in North America.
 - Spoke to Vancouver City Councillor Mike Klassen about food security, affordable housing, and transit.
 - The External Office is going to visit City Council.
 - Met with the chief of staff for the Minister of Advanced Education:
 - Following up on the ABCS lobby week.
 - Discussed food security, sexualized violence.
 - Also met the Minister of Education.
- *Abhi's update:*
 - Business plan template by end of term.
 - Funds recognition:
 - Making sure people recognize that money comes from the AMS.

- *Ian's update:*
 - Meeting with Indigenous students about ASAP (the sustainability plan).
 - UBC's Human Rights Advising is providing us support.
 - Bimonthly check-in with SEEDS.
 - Permanent collection exhibit is done at the Hatch; now there is the Makers Market.

- *Kamil's update:*
 - Endless meetings.
 - Review of UBC's Policy SC-17 (on sexual misconduct).
 - International Students Initiative.
 - The AMS submission for the UBC budget has gone in.
 - Food security funding conversations.
 - Athletics and Recreation relationship: making sure we're holding up our end.
 - Search committees.
 - Alumni Achievement Awards.
 - AMS Awards Gala, including the Great Trekker award, and the OER Champions Award:
 - Looking at the Alumni Centre as the venue.

- Justin:
 - Do we want to spend on going to an external venue like the Alumni Centre?

- Kamil:
 - We've seen success there.

- Justin:
 - Does the venue matter more than other things?

- Kamil:
 - The venue does have an impact.

- Justin:
 - Maybe we need to change the mentality:
 - We're in deficit.
 - Aiming to provide stability.

- Kamil:
 - Fiscal responsibility is important, but there's something to be said for putting on effective student experiences.
 - But this is something to discuss further for the future.

- *Kathleen's update:*
 - Updating Safewalk policies to reflect how busy we are, our challenges.
 - Peer Support is busier.
 - Onboarding of the new SASC Manager is going well.
 - Food Bank using a new supplier (Loblaws) is going great.

- Holiday Hamper event November 30.
- *Justin's update:*
 - PC1/PC2 consultation (on revising the policy):
 - The consultant was here last week.
 - Coordinating communication with the advisory group.
 - The advisory group will meet in early December.
 - With Ian, looking at Decision Maker training for late November (under the current PC1/PC2 policies).
 - Met with our investment managers.
 - Met with Hub Insurance about events and staff benefits.
 - Town Hall: Looking at feedback from department heads.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 pm.