



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of December 15, 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 11:21 am in Nest Room 3529 and on Zoom.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes

- The minutes of November 24 were approved (Kamil, Abhi).

Great Trekker Award

- Kamil:
 - We have a good candidate in Jama Mahlalela, assistant coach for the Toronto Raptors basketball team.
 - Involved in an AIDS foundation.
 - Been on the list for three or four cycles.
 - Shocked we haven't already given it to him.
 - Played basketball for the Thunderbirds when at UBC.
 - Other candidates include:
 - Iggy Chong, head of RBC Asia
 - Crystal Hung, CEO of Icon Marketing
 - Dr. James McEwen, a biomedical engineer.
- There was consensus on giving it to Jama Mahlalela.

Updates

- *Abhi's update:*
 - Created a business plan template, and there's a Code amendment for it that will go to Council.

- Met Sophia from Studentcare about the Health & Dental Plan for January-April:
 - Want to do consultation to find out what people want.
 - Will pass that information to the next Executive to implement.
 - Hopefully sustain the plan for the longer term.
- *Kathleen's update:*
 - Working on an agreement with Chapman Learning Commons:
 - Looks like they'll announce funding for Tutoring, which will be helpful.
 - Food Bank Holiday Hampers: packing, distributing.
 - Food Bank car: broken window.
- *Josh's update:*
 - UCRU federal lobbying dates changing.
 - Meeting with the Minister of the Environment.
 - Discussing public transportation, job creation.
 - Meeting with Vancouver city council.
- *Ian's update:*
 - Lending Library, Return-It Bins, textbook recycling, reusable containers.
 - Clubs Week (January 22nd to 26th), club bylaw audits, clubroom checks.
 - Hatch collaboration for an exhibit with the Vancouver Arts Colloquium Society and a zine-making project with Centre A and the Yarrow Society.
 - Nest 24/7 is operational; CCTV project and AV Renewal project are in discussion.
 - Providing assistance to the University with clubs and student administrative issues.
- *Kamil's update:*

As Acting President:

 - Transitioning Ben to be Interim President.

As VPAUA:

 - OER Champions Gala, second week of March (to avoid the election period).
 - Seeking student seat on UBC Indigenous Strategic Plan committee.
 - Supporting student well-being.
 - Budget asks follow-up.
 - Residence housing contracts.
 - Indigenous Constituency:
 - Still working to put together bylaws.
 - Koda working on it; they've been meeting.
 - Ben will take it up.
- *Justin's update:*
 - Working on contracts with talent and production company for Events.
 - Hiring for the financial department.

- Food Bank is getting a fridge, the walk-in fridge approved by Council from CPF in January.
 - Blue Chip: Pressure test on leaking pipe: it held, so can go ahead.
- Abhi:
 - Is there a timeline for Blue Chip after the delays?
- Justin:
 - There is a timeline, but when issues arise, you get off the timeline.
 - Sometimes you're dependent on parts coming in, things that are out of our control.
- Ian:
 - Sometimes it can take six weeks for parts to come in.
- Abhi:
 - Do we have a time for completion?
- Justin:
 - End of January, but there's an electrical issue, so there will be a delay; not sure how long.
- Ian:
 - This has to do with the University's rules for equipment?
- Justin:
 - Not entirely.
 - The University will hold us to a particular spec.
- *Justin's update (Part 2):*
 - Reforecasting in early January with department heads.
 - Staff policy handbook updates.
 - PC1/PC2 advisory group ongoing:
 - Summaries of consultation for the group to review.
 - Will meet in January for more directed consultation.
 - Hoping to be on track to present to Council in late March.
- Abhi:
 - Event contract timeline?
- Justin:
 - ASAP.
- Abhi:
 - It's December 15 already. Is there a plan for sponsorship?
- Justin:
 - Can talk to Nadeem (the Events Manager).
- *Justin's update (Part 3):*
 - Trailer issue resolved:
 - Picked up trailer from impound.
 - Club doesn't want it.

- We'll sell it.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.