



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

**AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of January 26, 2024

**Attendance**

Present: Ben Du (President), Abhi Mishra (VP Finance, arrived 10:55), Kamil Kanji (VP Academic & University Affairs, arrived 11:20), Ian Caguiat (VP Administration), Joshua Kim (VP External), Justin Lieu (Managing Director), Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager of Student Services), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Guests: Darran Fernandez (Robin Fern & Co.)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 10:36 am in Nest Room 3511 and on Zoom.

**Agenda**

- The agenda was approved (Josh, Ian).

**PC1/PC2**

- The Executive went in camera to hear from Darran Fernandez, the consultant on the Policies PC1 and PC2 (respectful community and sexualized violence).

[Abhi arrived.]

**Employment Handbooks**

- Abhi:
  - Is it possible for former Execs and staff to get reimbursements?
  - The general rule is to allow 60 days to apply, but what happens once they leave?
  - Should we just say May 15?
- Ben:
  - May 15 or 60 days, whichever is sooner.
- Justin:
  - Typically, it's not proper to reimburse two months after someone leaves employment.
  - Any money owed should be resolved within 10 business days.

## Minutes

- The minutes of January 18 were approved (Ben, Josh).

[Kamil arrived.]

## Constituency of the Year

- Ben:
  - We have criteria from last year's President's Office.
  - Engagement with the AMS is listed first: do we want to continue that?
- Kamil:
  - Constituencies are aware of the criteria, so we may want to be careful about changing things.
- Ben:
  - One thing to change: there is no Inter-Faculty Cup this year.
- Kamil:
  - Could strike Councillor participation with the AMS.
- Kathleen:
  - Could reframe to make it leadership more broadly outside the Constituency.
- There was general agreement with that idea.
- Kamil:
  - Advocacy is also listed.
  - How do we quantify that? Wins?
- Josh:
  - Wins too, but also engagement with the VP Academics caucus.
  - And under administrative strengths, financial stability.
  - And the pep rally: who has the loudest voice?
  - We could have banners for each Constituency hung around the Nest.
- Kamil:
  - Could hang a banner with a list of Constituency winners.
- Justin:
  - Isn't it already on the wall?
- Kathleen:
  - The winner wall.
  - My idea from last year.
- Ben:
  - A massive banner forever might disturb the public realm and the aesthetic of the building, disturbing the natural light.
  - But if there isn't one always there, it could mean more attention when we put one up.
  - But I like a wall better.

- Kathleen:
  - Or decals? On the Gallery windows.
- Ian:
  - Or lights turning into the Constituency logo for two weeks on Lee Square.
- Ben:
  - Need criteria by early February.
  - Also for club awards.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.