



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

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 16, 2024

Attendance

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

Regrets: Ian Caguiat (VP Administration)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 11:09 am in Nest Room 3511.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Ben, Josh).

Minutes

- The minutes of February 2 and 9 were postponed.

External and University Lobbying Fund

- Ben:
 - The scope of the original lobbying fund has been reduced to focus on the three elections funds that derive funding from it (the federal, provincial, and municipal elections funds).
 - Currently, there is a total of \$90,000 divided among those three funds.
 - This has meant that the VPAUA's office has been shut out of the funding and it all goes to External.
 - What would be appropriate?
 - Should it be divided 50-50?
- Josh:
 - No, External needs it for federal and provincial lobbying and elections.
 - Maybe not so much the part in the municipal fund.
- Kamil:
 - My office does annual campaigns and needs funding.
- Further discussion followed.

- Ben:
 - The idea is to use money from dormant funds.
 - We can pause collection for three years, at which point we may be back to balanced budgets.
 - Can use up the \$90,000 in these funds over the next three years: \$30,000 a year.
 - Both offices can tap into the funds.

Adjournment

The meeting went in camera at 11:53 am and adjourned at noon.