



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

### Managing Director Report to Council, Mar 13, 2024

#### General

- All Departments have been working on Preliminary Budgets for next year. We have made a lot of improvements to our budgeting and tracking systems throughout the year and are anticipating that this will enable more strategic and accurate decision making and planning. We are continuing to work on different strategies to reduce the deficit.
- WorkLearn Funding – UBC Worklearn has made significant reductions to Worklearn funding approvals for the summer due to less funding being available and more applicants. We are seeing reductions by about 30% and are working through adjustments to compensate.
- PC1/PC2 final consultation survey has closed and the Advisory Working Group will be working on final steps and recommendations to go to Executive Committee, then Council.
- Trauma Informed Care training session led by SASC and Anti Bias training session led by E&I Specialist was completed last week for Ops Com as well as MD, HR and Exec.

#### Building Projects

- Food Bank Fridge - There were a number of deficiencies with the original installation which required the company to have to come back and address them numerous times. They have now been done. The last piece will be having a sprinkler head installed above it, but it is operational now.
- Blue Chip starting to see good progress coming along in the space. If you walk by you will see the beams have all been installed which was one of the big delays that held up the project in January. Painting has started this week and we are continuing to do our best to get this project complete by end of term.

#### F&B

- RFP process still in progress and going well for tenanting 3 of our spaces mentioned in the last council update. We are working through the details of the different bids and interested parties and expect to bring this to council next meeting.
- We are also in the process of an RFP process for our major food supplier as the contract period is up with GFS.

#### Events

- Brew Fest – coming up on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Ticket sales have been going well for this and we are expecting a really great event with 11 breweries.
- Block Party – promotion and ticket sales are in full effect. We have had really great response from students on the line up so far and are excited to put on a fantastic event. We hope that you can all continue to support the promotion so that we can sell this out.