



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of July 11, 2024

Attendance

Present: Christian (CK) Kyle (President), Drédyn Fontana (VP Academic & University Affairs), Gavin Fung-Quon (VP Finance), Amy Liao (VP Administration), Ayesha Irfan (VP External), Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager of Student Services), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Justin Lieu (Managing Director),

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

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

Updates

- *CK's update:*
 - Consulting Councillors on such topics as finance and advocacy.
 - Focusing on how we do orientations and transitions.
 - Looking at starting the incoming Execs earlier.
 - Looking at timing of Councillor orientation: used to be in April, not May.
 - Looking at inviting more people to attend, e.g., Constituency presidents.
- *Drédyn's update:*
 - Academic Caucus met for the second time.
 - Discussed goals, Constituency survey, Textbook Broke.
 - Constituencies interested in expanding Textbook Broke; could add funding to help pay for textbooks.
 - Teamwork: staff projects.
- *Amy's update:*
 - Clubs and Sustainability training.
 - Bookings on Teamwork.
 - My goals, Opscom's goals.
 - Procedural fairness training.
 - SEEDS good news: might have found a cohort.
 - Resource Groups renovation finally happening.
 - Looking to apply to Well-Being Fund for study tables/pedal bikes for the Nest.

- *Ayesha's update:*
 - UCRU:
 - Strategic planning.
 - Governance review.
 - Met TransLink and the Mayors' Council re the TransLink efficiency review, their attempt to deal with their deficit.
 - Met with leaders of the 480 bus route campaign.
 - UFV visit to talk about provincial advocacy.
 - SUDS: finalizing. Exciting.
 - Provincial election.
 - Will be the big issue after SUDS.
 - Trying to set up meetings around the province with other VP Externals.
- *Gavin's update:*
 - Budget done.
 - Want to get more Councillor input before the Council date.
 - Clubs: 417 have signed up for the Canvas course: and not just treasurers.
 - Trying to meet the Constituency VP Finances.
 - Constituencies are picking up their credit cards, submitting their budgets.
 - Subsidy window opens July 16.
 - Will send to UBC by end of month.
 - Met our portfolio managers re investments.
 - Changed our investment policy last year to make it more realistic.
 - Lowering to 5%: safe, but making our money work.
- CK:
 - It will be good to highlight the budget surplus.
 - First time in years, after deficits.
 - We're in a far better spot than before but still need to overcome our structural deficit situation considering the years of deficits have not been balanced out by surpluses
- *Kathleen's update:*
 - Focused on marketing for Jump Start and Imagine: Student Resource Fair.
 - Peer Support training is beginning, including suicide intervention.
 - Food Bank:
 - Sponsorships.
 - Holiday Hamper planning.
 - 2,300 pounds of potatoes coming in.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.