



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of July 4, 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, arrived 10:45), Justin Lieu (Managing Director), Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager of Student Services, arrived 10:45), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:38 am in Nest Room 3511.

Agenda

- The agenda was approved (CK, Gavin).

Minutes

- The minutes were postponed.

Updates

- *CK's update:*
 - Executive goals:
 - One set for whole Executive, with subsections for individual Executives in alignment with GV4.
 - Each goal will have sub-goals or action items and a timeline.
 - Based on the Strategic Plan.
 - Sub-goals will include implementation; eventually we want an implementation plan for the Strategic Plan.
 - Want to look at what the Strategic Plan will look like next time.
 - Subsidized housing:
 - Utile, a Quebec non-profit working to provide subsidized co-op housing, approached us several years ago for a project here.
 - It would have cost \$20 million then; we decided it would not be good value.
 - Now another group, called House, has reached out, but the cost has risen to \$150 million.
 - UBC mentions the idea in one of its plans.

- UBCO SUO: collaboration on events and advocacy.

[Kathleen and Ayesha arrived.]

- Justin:
 - Will there be measurable deliverables as part of the goals?
- CK:
 - Yes, that's the idea. KPI's.
- *Drédyn's update:*
 - Advocom met.
 - Setting direction.
 - Talked of creating working groups.
 - Trying to make the committee useful.
 - Ayesha was chosen to be vice-chair.
 - Consulted committee members on goals
 - Told them to come visit to provide feedback.
 - Academic Caucus met.
 - Also meeting some of the Constituency VP Academics individually.
 - The caucus will be meeting again.
 - Want to discuss the exam database; also Workday: preparing a feedback survey.
 - Outreach:
 - Setting up meetings with the VP Students Office.
 - Teamwork.
 - Goals: getting feedback from departmental managers.
- *CK's update part 2:*
 - We were at the Board of Governors meeting in Kelowna.
 - Had solid conversations with incoming BoG members and also with returning BoG members and with UBCO SUO members.
- *Amy's update:*
 - Clubs:
 - Locker and office allocations.
 - Club training:
 - Workshops by SASC, Sustainability, Finance, and CSDL (Centre for Student Development & Leadership).
 - Clubs Directory:
 - Our new website for clubs, replacing the CampusBase platform.
 - Bookings opening July 8.
 - 11 new club applications so far.

- Sustainability:
 - Working with SEEDS and Common Energy.
 - MoU with Sustainability Ambassadors.
 - Operations Committee:
 - Procedural fairness training with the University Ombudsperson.
 - Goal setting.
 - Clubs team is updating the clubs handbook.
 - Hiring.
 - Will be calling an Affiliates Committee meeting.
- *Ayesha's update:*
 - SUDS:
 - Already 60 Early Bird tickets sold.
 - Confirming workshops (on good governance and financial literacy).
 - Confirming nightlife.
 - UNA:
 - Excited for the relationship.
 - Promoting their election.
 - Neighbours Agreement being renewed.
 - Provincial election.
 - Had productive meeting with Conservative leader John Rustad.
 - BC3 (our collaboration with UVic and SFU) is finalizing what to do in the election; focus will be on housing; maybe other issues.
 - My office is working with Democratic Exchange to create mock voting stations all over campus so that students can get experience voting; voting can be intimidating.
 - Partnering with Housing on getting first years to vote.
 - Young voter turnout is a focus.
 - There will be a polling station in the Nest.
 - Boothing in the Nest and in the Constituencies.
 - Engaging with clubs.
 - Watch Party October 19.
 - Producing an issues-based policy paper, a guide to what students want:
 - Using that to negotiate party platforms.
 - Can give it to party members.
 - Transit:
 - Meeting TransLink to discuss the SkyTrain to UBC.
 - UBC involved.
 - We're on the same page, but we want to leverage student voices.
 - We want commitment to a timeline and funding.

- *Gavin's update:*
 - Club authorization process for treasurers going pretty well: 280 treasurers in the course.
 - Trying to schedule more meetings with VP Finances.
 - Working on financial systems, ticketing systems.
 - Training/orientation.
 - Subsidies going well; expecting more applications.
 - Budget: final clean-up.
 - Goals: not a lot of surprises. Aiming for stability.

- *Kathleen's update:*
 - Got approval to do a Resource Fair with Jump Start.
 - End of year report.
 - Hiring for an Advocacy Coordinator.
 - Peer Support team leads start soon.
 - Summer socials.

- *Justin's update:*
 - Still hiring for the HR Manager.
 - Working with the unions.
 - New tenants: FreshSlice almost ready; Kyros and El Cartel getting started soon.
 - Budget.
 - Project & Events position up and running.
 - New Marcom position.
 - Looking into automatic transcriptions for meetings.
 - Blue Chip opened.

EDI Training

- Justin:
 - Figuring out when.
 - What topics? Racism 101? Equity & Inclusion 101? Human rights fundamentals?

- Drédyn:
 - Are there more detailed descriptions?

- Justin:
 - They will customize it for us. Depends what you want.
 - Is the focus on the five Executives? Your teams?

- CK:
 - There should be specialized training for us.

- Kathleen:
 - Food Bank staff will need specialized training.
- Gavin:
 - Also for any staff working with subsidies. Need to look beyond financial need, consider EDI.
- Justin:
 - Timeline? August?

Events Logo

- Justin:
 - Discussing rebranding of AMS Events logo to connect it more to the AMS.
- Gavin:
 - AMS Events is part of the AMS; it's good to let people know that.
- CK:
 - But don't want to confuse the branding.
 - Also, make sure Events is on board.
- Justin:
 - This came from them.
 - Will come back with more details.

Council Meeting

- It was agreed that the next meeting would be July 24.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.