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**Location:** HA 293

**Present:** Maria Fung, Rameez Al Aghbar, Lauren Telford, Sara Hladun, Alexandra Lam, Michelle Ho, Sifat Hasan, Joanna Zhu, Quinn Blunderfield, Mark Sha, Enzo Woo, (Cole Leonoff), (Tom Tang), (Rachael Reddy), (Armin Rezaiean-Asel), (Joey Young), (Riley Chow), (Hannah Vandenberg), (Matt Parson), (Sarah), (Brandon Yen)

**Other:**

**Late:** John Lee,

**Regrets:** Jacky Leung

**Start Time:** 6:37pm

**A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:**

MOVED Quinn, SECONDED Mark,

*“BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.”*

... Carried

**For: Unanimous**

MOVED John, SECONDED Joanna;

*BIRT the CUS Board of Directors meeting minutes dated January 10th, 2013, and January 16th, 2013 are approved for distribution.*

... Carried

**For: Unanimous**

**B) Membership: Introductions, Personal Updates**

- AMS Elections mini introductions:

**C) AMS/Senate Updates**

**i. Senate Update – Enzo**

- Library Committee, working on making more informal learning spaces.. 96% of the books aren't being used.
- Mental Health issues is a huge focus, we're pretty dismal on how we treat students and the examination process is stressful, there's more that can be done and there's sigma around mental health still
- There might be a transition program for students who don't get into first year right away, now it's called West-Cape, designed to bridge the gap between international schools and university here.
- Exam database update, designed to push the rest of the professors to submit resources into a database for students. The biggest barrier is Policy 88 which states that anything that the professor designs for the classroom, belongs to them. Maybe there

will be a policy change so that the content belongs to the university. There are a couple of HC professors who want to go against

- What's the probability of that going through? What the progress?
  - § Lots of progress, no concrete timeline, Policy 88 is the main obstacle

## ii. **AMS Update – Michelle**

- AMS-GSS Health-Plan, working on awareness for the coverage
  - This is kind-of a bonus plan on top of MSP
  - The coverage plan office is in the basement of the SUB.
- FYI. Student Housing is investing 11.3mil in improvements to various residences, and increasing beds by 2,000
  - What are the improvements? Will there be more construction?
    - § Mainly renovations to existing buildings
- New Research Grant to work on areas that will benefit the University community
- Whistler Lodge sell/not debate continues
  - What about improving it? They need better marketing and run the lodge more effectively
  - Will the lodge be under the BGB?
    - § No.
  - Have they thought about putting it under the BGB?
    - § It's a service and not for profit

## D) **Committees Reports:**

- No committee reports

## E) **Executives' Updates:**

- Jacky is not present:

Questions: what's this thing with the Dean and Ponderosa thing? CSSEC wants to know more about this,

- CABS is negotiating with Staples and maybe even Westjet, and the National Post links too
  - Does Jacky want everyone to put together content for the Board Turnover, start thinking about transition and what you want to put, think about this as an **action item**
- Joey:
  - ExCo is looking for people to sponsor,
    - § If people apply, and go through the process will they get funding, unless there are unusual circumstances
  - trying out the online system of the feedback forms
  - AMS Informal learning space fund, they will match our contribution
    - § Can we use it for coffee?
      - Probably not for consumption products
  - In principle could this apply to CSSEC right?
    - § Probably not
- Sean:

- POITS cancelled tonight, there's an Accounting event in the CA Hall
- CCP is booking things and working on their spring events
- Sauder Sports is working on a soccer tournament and maybe setting up at basketball tourney
- David:
  - Alumni Relations starting up again, there are some discussions about Commerce Last Lecture
  - Enterprize is coming...
    - § If you're going, get a receipt, and forward that to Angela
- Cindy:
  - Mid-year report,
  - Special Projects fund at \$5,869.00
- Claire:
  - Will's family is now supplying our coffee ...?
  - JDC West made a mess in the SUB and the SUB got mad
- Riley:
  - "It's a jungle out there", "One Man, One Outfit, 365 Days a Year", "Sean is best"
  - Prospectus, they said they would give us a discount but I haven't signed anything yet. 15% discount and maybe no shiny paper
  - Promote the social media awards for us.
  - Any difficulties foreseen with the yearbook sales?
    - § No major marketing yet. Hopeful for convocation

## F) Board Business/Discussions:

### i. **Ombudsperson** – Ram

- No one ran for the Ombudsperson position, there may be some people who are interested. Will will re-open nominations for another 24 hours.

### ii. **Endowment Fund Update** – Ram

- Tristan has some problems with our agreement and with it being too short/incomprehensive, Cindy Ram and Jacky will be meeting with him to sort it out
- Tristan had problems with how it's structured and some sections that need more work
- Enzo: The current VP Finance, Tristan has some huge reservations about the principal of this, maybe dragging his feet, may need to wait for the next VPFin
- The surplus will be discussed when Jacky is back, looking for more research
- 50k for 5 years
- Sara: About the fee reduction [Travis Kang, a past VP Finance did a feasibility report on this and found that it wasn't a good idea]
- We have 400k in surplus, our plan is to leave at least at 100k in the AMS account, put 250k in endowment, and there is 50k still up in the air.

**iii. Alumni Advisory Board Update – Ram**

- Tentative plan is that we'll be meeting them downtown at the next meeting on February 07th, 2013
  - o It doesn't make sense that all of us are going downtown to meet a much smaller group of them
  - o Sean: the tone should be set that they should come to us, show their dedication to the role
- Reminder: Riley to put it up on the website with the new location of the Board Meeting

**G) Other Business:**

- i. Last meeting soon

**H) Next Meeting:** February 07th, 2013

**I) Adjournment:**

*Adjournment of meeting*

**End time: 7:23pm**