

COUNCIL SUMMARY – December 6, 2023

Here are notes from the regular AMS Council meeting of **December 6, 2023**:

Interim President: Council named Ben Du to be Interim AMS President, effective December 19 until April 30. Ben was VP Administration last year and was runner-up to Esmé Decker for president in the March elections.

Interim VP External: Council extended the term of Interim Vice-President Joshua Kim until April 30 after hearing that VP External Tina Tong, who went on leave in October, is extending her leave indefinitely.

ASAP: Council approved the new AMS Sustainability Action Plan (ASAP), after hearing a presentation from Emily Wong-Abdul and Ryan Chiu of the AMS Sustainability Team.

BIPOC position: Council approved the creation of a new BIPOC Engagement Coordinator position to assist the Equity and Inclusion Specialist.

Election changes: Council approved a change in the timing of nominations, so they will end a week earlier in February, and also approved several other minor election changes.

Meeting the Premier: Interim VP External Josh Kim reported on a meeting with BC Premier David Eby. There were also meetings with federal MP Joyce Murray and various city councillors.

Bev Teh: Managing Director Justin Lieu announced that Bev Teh, a long-time employee in Blue Chip Cafe, passed away in November.

Blue Chip move: The Managing Director said that the move of Blue Chip to its new location is now scheduled for January.

Auditorium/Norm Theatre: The Managing Director announced renovations to the Auditorium (aka the Norm Theatre) which will keep it closed until late January.

Appreciating Art: In response to a question from Engineering rep Rowan Bapty, VP Finance Abhi Mishra said that the reason for holding onto the art collection in a time of deficit is that art appreciates in value more than the market does.

Next meeting:

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2024 in the Michael Kingsmill Forum in the Nest at 6 pm.

Sheldon Goldfarb
Archivist & Clerk of Council