



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AMS Legislative Procedures Committee

Minutes for May 31, 2016

Attendance

Present: Ian Sapollnik (Chair), Jeff Pea (Vice-Chair), Jakob Gattinger (Councillor), Mackenzie Lockhart (Councillor), Angela Tien (Councillor), Chris Scott (VP Administration), Sara Mack (Member at Large) [via Skype], Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist and Clerk of Council)

Guests:

Regrets: Liam Simpson (Councillor), Louis Retief (VP Finance)

Recording Secretary: Ian Sapollnik

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved: Mackenzie

Seconded: Chris

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. Introduction to LPC

Ian: Meeting is taking place on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. The committee will deal mostly with code and bylaw changes, and some internal policies. We'll work with Sheldon to draft code changes and send them to Council for approval.

4. Election of Vice-Chair

BIRT Jeff Pea be appointed Vice-Chair of the Legislative Procedures Committee for a term effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Angela

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

1. Summer Priorities (*consensus*)

Ian: This is to guide the committee for the summer. It's not an official document and doesn't need to be approved, but I'm looking for your input into what we are discussing this summer.

Mac: Committee restructuring might happen, need to be ready for different roles for the committee.

Jeff: What's the fee refund code change?

Sheldon: There's one year programs that start in January and end in December, and those students have to pay AMS fees twice.

Mac: Fees are in bylaws.

Jakob: Could we look at the procedure for cancelling council meetings?

Sheldon: There's nothing in code and bylaws, which leaves scheduling completely up to the President, but we can always put in a rule.

Chris: Bylaws says that it's a minimum of one meeting per month during the summer.

Mac: It might not work to get rid of the agenda committee.

Sheldon: LPC was about to get rid of Agenda Com last year, but it was kept at the last minute at the request of the President.

Jakob: We can revisit how often we meet but it could be better if it's every 30 days, instead of once a month.

Sheldon: This is a new rule, before there was nothing dictating how often Council met in the summer. The norm has been that Council meets every three weeks.

Ian: I will add that to our priorities.

Sheldon: Bylaws don't specify who calls meetings.

2. Code Change: Sustainability Reports (*approval*)

BIRT the Legislative Procedures Committee send the proposed code change entitled "Sustainability Reports" to Council for approval.

Moved: Jakob

Seconded: Mac

Chris: Sustainability will likely be shifting to be part of the VP Admin's portfolio, since they mostly deal with the building.

Angela: Why was it originally VP Finance?

Sheldon: The VP Finance at the time was interested in sustainability and added it to their portfolio, and then it was codified. When we took the Sustainability Coordinator out of Code, we took out the part that mandated they give reports to Council. We wanted to put it back in.

Chris: I have regular discussion with operations team, and sustainability needs to be looked at.

Sheldon: We need to make an HR change and send it through Council.

BIRT the motion be postponed.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Mac

The motion to postpone passed unanimously.

3. Code Change: Sustainability Projects Committee (*approval*)

BIRT the Legislative Procedures Committee send the proposed code change entitled "Sustainability Projects Committee" to Council for approval.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Jakob

Jeff: Given discussions about shifting sustainability to VP Admin, do we need to postpone this as well?

Chris: Not necessarily, we could change it now and then change it again later.

Ian: It is still possible to make the change since the committee continues to be active.

Jeff: It's mainly about changing the proportion to have more student influence.

Sheldon: Does anyone know why the recommendation is to have 5 students at large?

Jeff: I'm not sure. Accountability and attendance can be a problem with students at large, and having 5 of them may make it difficult for the committee to meet.

Chris: We could do 5 active members, so it could be members at large or councillors that fill the spots.

Angela: There are many ideas for projects that come from outside of Council, so having 5 members means we have a variety of ideas.

Mac: Five seats would give members at large a majority, which could be a problem. Considering there are always open spots, can we actually fill 5 seats?

Angela: Sustainability is more close to home for students, so there's a higher interest in the committee.

Ian: It's up to the committee to decide. We don't have to stick to 5 – we can make a different recommendation from the one that originally came from the VP Finance.

Angela: We could do 4 to have more balance.

Chris: Why is the sustainability coordinator no longer on the committee?

Mac: They are, but as non-voting member.

Ian: Not necessarily. It's the VP Finance or designate, but that's very ambiguous.

Sheldon: Is there any rationale for that in the document proposal?

Mac: Are there any other relevant people who should be on the committee?

Chris: There are lots of coordinators who deal with sustainability.

Angela: They don't need to be on the committee. This is about funding projects funding though

Mac: It could be by invitation, so the relevant coordinators will still be there if need be.

Chris: Quorum will be 5 in this committee.

Mac: If quorum is 4, you would be able to meet even if students at large aren't there.

BIRT the code change be amended to have three students at large instead of five.

Moved: Jakob

Seconded: Mac

Chris: Quorum will be hard with fewer members.

Ian: Not if spots aren't filled. Quorum is based on the number of members, not the number of positions available.

The motion to amend the code change passed unanimously.

Chris: I think it sets a bad precedent to include in code that the committee may invite members of university community. Does that mean that other committees are not allowed to invite others?

Sheldon: Including that won't stop other committees from inviting anyone.

BIRT the code change be amended to strike last line, reading "The Chair of the Committee shall invite relevant members of the University community to attend meetings of the Committee."

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Mac

Mac: 10 years down the road the intention might be lost and it could create confusion.

The motion to amend the code change passed unanimously.

The motion to recommend the code change to AMS Council passed unanimously.

4. Code Change: CiTR (*approval*)

BIRT the Legislative Procedures Committee send the proposed code change entitled "CiTR" to Council for approval.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Mac

BIRT section 4 of the code change, reading "If not eligible to sit on the CiTR Board of Directors by reason of not being a Canadian citizen, the Vice-President Finance shall attend meetings of the CiTR Board of Directors as a guest." be removed from the code change.

Moved: Jakob

Seconded: Mac

Sheldon: Let me give some background. Before, 100% of the board's members had to be Canadian, according to CRTC regulations. Now that has been reduced to 80%. The issue arises when the VP Finance is not Canadian and CiTR's board is under 80%.

Mac: If the VP Finance is not Canadian then that whole section becomes irrelevant.

Jakob: It would be advantageous for us to get rid of it so we don't have to modify our side of the board.

Sheldon: We appoint 3 members and they appoint 7. We could potentially force them to adjust.

Chris: I'm not sure. It depends on the MOU we have with them.

The motion to amend the code change failed.

For: Jakob Against: Chris, Angela, Jeff Abstaining: Mac, Sara

Jeff: According to the current constitution for CiTR, both appointments by council need to be Canadian.

BIRT the motion be postponed.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Mac

- Sheldon will distribute the MOU to the committee.

Mac: Someone should talk to CiTR to figure out the rules regarding appointments.

- Ian to get in touch with CiTR.

The motion to postpone passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.