



# THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## AMS Governance Review Implementation Committee

Minutes for November 30, 2016

### Attendance

Invited: Jakob Gattinger (Chair), Liam Simpson (Vice-Chair), Mark Bancroft (Representative of the Governance Committee), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Ava Nasiri (President), Chris Scott (Vice President Administration), Marium Hamid (Executive Special Projects Assistant for Policy and Student Engagement)

Guests:

Regrets: Liam Simpson, Mark Bancroft

Recording Secretary: Marium Hamid

### 1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:09PM.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

BIRT the Governance Review Implementation Committee approve the November 30 agenda.

Mover: Chris

Secunder: Ava

Result: Passed

### 3. Approval of Minutes

BIRT the Governance Review Implementation Committee approve the November 4 and November 19 minutes and send to Council for final approval.

Mover: Ava

Secunder: Chris

Result: Passed

### 4. Membership Survey

The Committee discussed the membership survey. Ava and Chris stated they did not think it was necessary to survey the membership due to the complex nature of some of the changes, and that it was why we have an elected Board that is able to make informed decisions on the behalf of members. Jakob stated he thought it would increase the likelihood of a successful referendum in order to gauge the membership's interest in such a matter beforehand. Ultimately, the Committee agreed some of the relevant questions could be asked of the membership through other means.

## **5. General Manager Bylaw Change**

BIRT the Governance Review Implementation Committee send the proposed bylaw change to the General Manager role to Council.

Mover: Ava

Secunder: Chris

Result: Passed

## **6. Council Size Bylaw Changes**

BIRT the Governance Review Implementation Committee send the following bylaw changes pertaining to the size of the Society's Board of Directors to Council.

Mover: Ava

Secunder: Chris

Result: Passed

Discussion: Chris stated he thought it might be a good idea to explore appointing members at large to Council rather than members from constituencies. Ava stated she thought it was too late in the process for this to happen, and that it was not something suggested by the Governance Review. Chris asked about the purpose of the new school constituency creation policy, and Jakob explained it was to prevent two things: inequity in Council representation and the undoing of the Council size reduction. The Committee then proceeded to a vote on the matter.

## **7. Staggered Appointments of Council**

BIRT the Governance Review Implementation Committee bring a motion to Council declaring the staggered appointment recommendation for Councillors unfeasible.

Mover: Ava

Secunder: Chris

Result: Passed

## **8. Other Discussion Items**

Marium provided an update on her activities relevant to the Governance Review. She reported that she recently sent email to MNP regarding the metrics recommendation, and was still awaiting a response.

## **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.