



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AMS Governance Review Implementation Committee

Minutes for Friday, January 13, 2017

Attendance

Invited: Jakob Gattinger (Chair), 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: Louis Retief (Vice President Finance)

Regrets: Mark Bancroft (Representative of the Governance Committee), Liam Simpson (Vice-Chair)

Recording Secretary: Marium Hamid

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:06PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

BIRT the Governance Review Implementation Committee approve the January 13 agenda.

Mover: Ava

Seconder: Chris

Result: Passed

3. Councillor Evaluations Update

[Marium]: We've had about 16 responses to the Google Form sent to Councillors last week. Not all were complete, but generally Councillors seemed very happy with their achievements and performance. Some issues were identified with understanding Roberts Rules and retreat attendance. There may be a correlation around those two items, but it will require further evaluation.

[Jakob]: Maybe a Council meeting at a mandatory retreat would help with understanding Roberts Rules.

[Marium]: There is a desire to see the endgame of the committee restructure in the evaluations of well; generally people weren't convinced about committee achievements.

[Louis]: Let's set a deadline with a motion at Council next time to complete this evaluation.

[Jakob]: I will draft a motion and send that to Council.

[Ava]: I will send a firm reminder by email, too.

4. Advisory Board for Business and Administration

[Louis]: We have had this code change waiting for a while, and I wanted to see if there's any last minute changes requested by this committee. It needs to be updated in the Code ASAP in order to facilitate hiring of new professional members.

[Chris]: Can we include the whole executive team as non-voting?

[Louis]: I can make that change.

5. Executive Evaluation Proposal

[Jakob]: I've taken the recommendations from MNP and developed what I think is a reasonable outline for executive evaluation. One thing I didn't cover was ternary reports, which MNP omitted.

[Louis]: We need to account for executive's team-wide goals in some way. They are currently missed by the ternary reports.

[Ava]: I'm a big fan of ternary reports and would like to keep them.

[Jakob]: Let's keep the ternary reports and include a separate document for team-wide initiatives during updates.

[Chris]: We need to include a mid-year presentation to update Council on the status of goals. These should be distributed both as a presentation and a document.

[Jakob]: I can add that.

[Chris]: There is too much demand on the Vice President Administration to deal with creating the rubric, at least the initial one.

[Marium]: The committee can develop the initial one, then it can be updated on an annual basis.

[Ava]: Executive transition process should be included in this.

[Jakob]: I can make that happen and will bring this all back to the committee next time.

6. Phrasing of Referendum Questions

[Jakob]: We have agreed on our proposed bylaw changes regarding the structure of Council in principle, but we need to ensure in these changes a date for implementation. Of particular concern is the constituency representatives, given that regardless of when we do it someone will be in the middle of their term.

[Marium]: It's important to implement this in the near future given AMS Executive turnover.

[Ava]: In a meeting with the constituency presidents, I heard a consensus around implementing this year as we coordinate election timelines in the end of March. We also need to respect the mandate of GORICOM as a one year committee and have this done as soon as possible.

[Jakob]: We will account for timing these to the end of this academic year in phrasing the referendum questions.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09PM.