



# THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## AMS Governance Review Implementation Committee

Minutes for Monday, January 23, 2017

### Attendance

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

Regrets: Mark Bancroft (Representative of the Governance Committee)

Recording Secretary: Marium Hamid

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:07PM.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

BIRT the Governance Review Implementation Committee approve the January 23 agenda.

Mover: Chris

Secunder: Liam

Result: Passes

### 3. Approval of Minutes

BIRT the Governance Review Implementation Committee approve the November 30 and January 13 minutes.

Mover: Ava

Secunder: Chris

Result: Passes

### 4. Executive Evaluation Proposal

[Jakob]: I've brought the basic policy we agreed to last time and converted it to be in an official internal policy format. I would like to hear what folks think of it.

[Chris]: I've identified a few grammatical mistakes which should be fixed. I think we should also have a title that is more positive and less a reminder of the Oversight Committee.

[Jakob]: I'll make those changes.

[Keith]: Louis was concerned that the new policy demands too much of the incoming executives.

[Jakob]: I disagree. I think we already mandate incoming executives to do and not do things (i.e. we restrict them from endorsing in constituency elections) and I feel this is a reasonable expectation. They need to plan ideally as soon as the election is over.

[Ava]: I also think this is reasonable for the incoming executives. We should work the ternary reports right into the text of the policy, given that they're being reduced as a part of this review.

[Jakob]: I will clean this up, and bring it back to the Committee in the future. I'm likely going to wait a little while given the business around the possible bylaw changes is more pressing.

## **5. Phrasing of Referendum Questions**

[Jakob]: My sense is a big question has to be answered around the phrasing of referendum questions, especially those pertaining to the Council restructure. Essentially we need to decide whether to omnibus those three changes or ask them separately. My personal opinion is that they should be asked collectively – the review presented them as one unit.

[Ava]: Definitely a risk with sending to referendum as one, but I agree with the sentiment that these changes have to be taken as a whole to be effective.

[Marium]: I think it's best to have these either pass or fail together. If they did fail, they aren't then half-implemented, and a subsequent Council/committee could revisit them and attempt to put them in place down the road.

[Jakob]: I'm going to take this to mean that we should draft one referendum question that addresses the Council restructure. I know Louis is bringing a change regarding the powers of the General Manager/Managing Director around investment – maybe we should look to combine that with the title change.

## **6. Other Business**

[Jakob]: Just a reminder myself, Marium and Hussam will be meeting with Peter Guo over the phone on Friday. We hope to have more information about the services/businesses alignment after that happens.

## **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43PM.