Minutes of the Legislative Procedures Committee
Friday, 9 October 2015, 12:00PM, The Nest, Room 3529

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

Voting Members Present:
Mr. Benjamin Israel, Chair
Ms. Samantha So, Vice-Chair
Mr. Jude Crasta, Vice President External
Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Vice President Finance
Ms. Veronica Knott, Councillor
Ms. Angela Tien, Councillor
Ms. Sarah Bernamoff, Student-at-Large
Mr. Liam Orme, Student-at-Large

Non-Voting Members Present:
Mr. Aaron Bailey, AMS President

Staff Members Present:
Dr. Sheldon Goldfarb, AMS Archivist and Clerk of Council
Mr. Ken Yih, AMS Senior Manager, Human Resources

Invited Guests:
Mr. Daniel Lam, Councillor

Regrets:
Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Councillor
Mr. Tommy Reid, Councillor
Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Student-at-Large

These minutes were recorded by Mr. Israel and Ms. So.

Quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 12:08 PM.

No amendments were proposed to the agenda.

A motion to adopt the agenda was moved by Ms. Knott and seconded by Ms. Tien. The motion was carried with unanimous consent.
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

There were no suggested amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting, including the in camera minutes. The Committee members viewed the in camera minutes on the Chair's laptop.

A motion to approve these minutes was moved by Mr. Crasta and seconded by Ms. So. The motion was **carried** with unanimous consent.

Mr. Israel agreed to send the ordinary minutes to Ms. Joanne Pickford, the AMS Administrative Assistant, and the in camera minutes to Dr. Sheldon Goldfarb, the AMS Clerk of Council.

3. **Selection of Vice Chair**

Ms. Samantha So was nominated to continue her incumbent position as Vice Chair of the Committee. No other candidates were nominated.

A motion to immediately appoint Ms. So as the Vice Chair of the Legislative Procedures Committee until the first LPC meeting in May 2016 was moved by Ms. Tien and seconded by Mr. Crasta. The motion was **carried** with unanimous consent.

4. **HR Attendance at LPC, Hiring Comm, and SAC**

The Chair advised that he had a meeting with Mr. Yih and Ms. Nasiri (Vice President Administration) that morning. Since much of SAC's business doesn't require HR consultation, it is preferable for them to determine on a case-by-case basis whether Mr. Yih should attend a SAC meeting.

In November, SAC will engage in a policy restructuring, and they will add a policy on when to invite Mr. Yih or his designate.

The Committee agreed to remove the portions of this amendment concerning SAC, and to recommend the remainder to Council.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to send this Code amendment with the above changes to the Agenda Committee and the Administrative Assistant for inclusion on the agenda of the upcoming Council Meeting on the recommendation of LPC was moved by Ms. Tien and seconded by Ms. So. The motion was **carried** by unanimous consent.

The students at large present (Ms. Bernamoff and Mr. Orme) were introduced to the Committee.
5. **BAGB - Which Portions to Proceed Upon**

The Committee discussed whether the acronym "ABBA" should be explicitly mentioned in Code, and decided in favour of this proposition.

As discussed last meeting, this amendment will not alter the status quo of the reporting structure, as that will be left for governance review.

Per BAGB’s request, the triennial reports shall stay triennial, as this matches the business cycle.

The Committee decided that all members of BAGB, other than the Executives, shall be paid. It was previously decided that the student members should be remunerated, and so it would be unfair for the councilors to be unpaid for the same work.

The Committee also decided that the President and VP Finance should be eligible to be the Chair of BAGB. If they are the Chair, they should also be eligible for a bonus of up to 100% of the regular student member fee.

BAGB had requested to see the changes before sending them to Council. A motion to direct the Chair to send the amendment with the aforementioned changes to BAGB for their perusal before an e-mail vote was moved by Ms. Tien and seconded by Ms. Bernamoff. The motion was *carried* by unanimous consent.

6. **Procedure forExiting Camera**

Currently, to move out of camera, Council must move to "remain in camera", and then fail said motion. This is odd and inefficient, and is based on a Code interpretation of the phrase "whether to remain in camera". The Code should be changed to instead read that only votes of whether to remain in camera or to leave may occur.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft these changes and send them to the Chair for an e-mail vote was moved by Ms. So and seconded by Mr. Crasta. The motion was *carried* by unanimous consent.

7. **Hiring Chair Eligibility for Executives**

The recent Code change to pay the Hiring Chair brought an unforeseen ramification: by Code, an Executive can be said Chair. The Committee discussed whether an Executive should be allowed to be the Chair of Hiring Committee, and whether they should be paid for this position.

It was noted that Mr. Miadlikowski was the Chair when the position was unpaid.
Due to the considerable work involved with this position, the Committee decided that an Executive who is the Chair of the Hiring Committee should be remunerated the same as anyone else in the position.

The Committee discussed whether a potential conflict of interest exists in an Executive being Chair, and decided that there is no real greater potential than for anyone in the position. In any case, the Chair is simply the custodian of the Committee, and cannot make any unilateral decisions in their role.

The Committee decided not to discuss this further; the current state of Code is satisfactory on this matter.

8. **AMS President as Voting Member of Committees**

Now that the President no longer has the duty to oversee the Vice Presidents, the question was raised whether the President should now be a voting member of committees. It may be unfair for the President to effectively have less power than the Vice Presidents, as the President is not granted a vote.

However, this may imbalance the power of the Standing Committees, as now there will be more executives voting. There is also a question of a potential Code breach due to changing the status of EduCom to an extraordinary committee.

The Committee considered whether the three Standing Committees this year should be restructured to have three executives instead of two. This would give four executives two committees to attend, and one executive only one. They would have to attend less meetings, but would see a higher penalty for missing a meeting.

The question was also raised of whether giving the President a vote violates the Bylaws which state that the President is an ex-officio, non-voting member of all Committees of the Society. Dr. Goldfarb advised that this Bylaw dates before the official "report to the President" structure was in place.

A motion to postpone discussion of this item until the next meeting of the Committee was moved by Mr. Orme and seconded by Mr. Crasta.

The motion was **carried** by unanimous consent.

9. **Release of In Camera Committee Information**

It was recently discovered that the Code provision which enables in camera committee minutes inadvertently makes it impossible to discuss what occurred in said sessions. Minutes can be released to Council, but the discussion cannot.
The Committee decided that Council should be able to compel the discussion of any in camera Committee information by ordinary resolution. Councillors can then decide whether to go in camera to receive this information.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft these changes and send them to the Chair for an e-mail vote was moved by Mr. Crasta and seconded by Ms. So. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

10. **Ongoing Meeting Time**

The Chair agreed to distribute a doodle to determine the ongoing meeting time.

11. **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25PM.
RECORD OF E-MAIL VOTE

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Goldfarb shall send the attached document, "Code changes 2015 BAGB oct14 version.doc", to Joanne Pickford and the Agenda Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of Council with LPC’s recommendation.

Voting Period: Wednesday, 14 October 2015, 1:40 AM to Friday, 16 October 2015, 1:40 AM

Eligible Voting Members:
- Mr. Benjamin Israel, Chair
- Ms. Samantha So, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Jude Crasta, Vice President External
- Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Vice President Finance
- Ms. Angela Tien, Councillor
- Ms. Veronica Knott, Councillor
- Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Councillor
- Mr. Tommy Reid, Councillor
- Ms. Sarah Bernamoff, Student-at-Large
- Mr. Liam Orme, Student-at-Large
- Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Student-at-Large

Results:

YEA (6): Mr. Benjamin Israel, Ms. Samantha So, Ms. Angela Tien, Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Mr. Liam Orme, Ms. Sarah Bernamoff

NAY (0):

ABSTENTION (2): Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ms. Veronica Knott

The motion was carried at 1:40 AM, Friday, 16 October 2015.

No voting members requested additional discussion as per Section V, Article 1(14)(d) of the AMS Code of Procedure.
RECORD OF E-MAIL VOTE

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motion in Council from LPC regarding the adoption of "Code changes 2015 BAGB oct14 version.doc" shall specify that the portion of the amendment regarding Section VII, Article 2 (Composition of membership) shall take effect on January 1st, 2016.

Voting Period: Wednesday, 21 October 2015, 4:58 PM to Friday, 23 October 2015, 5:00 PM

Eligible Voting Members:
- Mr. Benjamin Israel, Chair
- Ms. Samantha So, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Jude Crasta, Vice President External
- Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Vice President Finance
- Ms. Angela Tien, Councillor
- Ms. Veronica Knott, Councillor
- Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Councillor
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YEA (6): Mr. Benjamin Israel, Ms. Samantha So, Ms. Sarah Bernamoff, Ms. Veronica Knott, Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Ms. Angela Tien,

NAY (0):

ABSTENTION 0):

The motion was carried at 5:00 AM, Friday, 23 October 2015.

No voting members requested additional discussion as per Section V, Article 1(14)(d) of the AMS Code of Procedure.