



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Minutes of the Legislative Procedures Committee
Wednesday, 10 June 2015, 5:00PM, The Nest, Room 3529

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

Voting Members Present:

Mr. Benjamin Israel, Chair
Mr. Jude Crasta, Vice President External
Ms. Samantha So, Councillor
Ms. Angela Tien, Councillor
Ms. Delaney Griffiths, Student-at-Large
Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Student-at-Large
Mr. Mark Bancroft, Student-at-Large

Non-Voting Members Present:

Dr. Sheldon Goldfarb, AMS Archivist and Clerk of Council

Regrets:

Ms. Veronica Knott, Councillor (previously announced absence)
Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Councillor (out of town)
Mr. Quartermain Lim, Councillor (scheduled for work last-minute)
Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Vice President Finance (Budget Committee)

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

Quorum was met and the meeting was **called to order** at 5:14 PM.

Mr. Israel proposed an amendment to the agenda to select a Vice-Chair before agenda item 10. A motion to adopt the agenda as amended was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Ms. Griffiths.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

There were no suggested amendments to the minutes of the last meeting. A motion to approve these minutes was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Ms. So.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

3. Fees in Code

The Committee was pleased with this revision, as it shows very clearly that the fees change from year to year.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to send this amendment to Joanne Pickford and the Agenda Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of Council with LPC's recommendation was moved by Ms. Tien and seconded by Mr. Bancroft.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

4. Oversight Chair Remuneration

The change in the number of hours was to be more commensurate with the demands of the position. This number matches the amount of remuneration given to all other paid committee chairs.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to send this amendment to Joanne Pickford and the Agenda Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of Council with LPC's recommendation was moved by Mr. Dalikah and seconded by Ms. So.

Votes In Favour (5): Ms. Samantha So, Ms. Angela Tien, Ms. Delaney Griffiths, Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Mr. Mark Bancroft.

Votes Against (0):

Abstentions (1): Mr. Jude Crasta

The motion was **carried**.

5. Hiring Chair Remuneration

LPC will be recommending the Hiring Chair's wage to Council to avoid internal conflicts.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to send this amendment to Joanne Pickford and the Agenda Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of Council with LPC's recommendation was moved by Mr. Crasta and seconded by Ms. Griffiths.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

6. Proxies in Camera

Purpose:

(1) to streamline the process of going in camera, as Council has never denied proxies the ability to remain in the meeting

(2) to allow Councillors access to previous in camera information

Code requires proxies to sign a statement of office before acting as a proxy. Joanne will now resume requiring proxies to comply with this requirement.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to send this amendment to Joanne Pickford and the Agenda Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of Council with LPC's recommendation was moved by Mr. Crasta and seconded by Mr. Bancroft.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

7. Executive Director

Now that Mr. Levangie has seen and approved this code change, the Committee feels comfortable sending it to Council.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to send this amendment to Joanne Pickford and the Agenda Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of Council with LPC's recommendation was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Ms. Tien.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

8. Taxi Reimbursements without Motion

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to send this amendment to Joanne Pickford and the Agenda Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of Council with LPC's recommendation was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Ms. So.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

9. Agenda Committee

As Mr. Bailey wishes to give Agenda Committee a chance to succeed this year, and the Agenda Committee did reach quorum last meeting, the Committee agreed.

A motion to postpone this discussion until the first meeting of this Committee after the upcoming Council meeting, or to be resolved by e-mail vote, was moved by Ms. Griffiths and seconded by

Ms. So.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

10. Selection of Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair will chair LPC meetings if Mr. Israel is not able to attend, and will take minutes in parallel with Mr. Israel to ensure nothing is missed.

A motion to appoint Ms. Samantha So as Vice-Chair of the Legislative Procedures Committee for a term beginning immediately, and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015 was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Ms. Griffiths.

During discussion of the motion, we discovered that Ms. So is studying Biology, and Mr. Crasta is enrolled in Honours Cognitive Systems.

Ms. So asked whether she had a conflict of interest in this motion. The Chair ruled that she did not have a conflict of interest, because it is not in her private interest to become a Vice-Chair.

Votes In Favour (7): Mr. Jude Crasta, Ms. Angela Tien, Ms. Delaney Griffiths, Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Mr. Mark Bancroft.

Votes Against (0):

Abstentions (1): Ms. Samantha So.

The motion was **carried**.

11. In Camera Committee Meetings and Minutes

The Committee discussed how Council can go in camera, but there is no specific provision by which committees can go in camera. Section V Article 1(6) allows committees to close their meetings to the public, but it does not prescribe what happens, and how minutes should or should not be recorded.

One factor prompting the requirement of this amendment is that the Oversight committee wishes to be as transparent as possible, and release their minutes. This will not be possible without such a provision, as complaints or other sensitive issues cannot be published.

It was emphasized that this provision should be used sparingly to preserve transparency.

This amendment would also change Hiring Committee meetings to be open unless there is reason otherwise. Its role has changed significantly since this rule was imposed, and many of their present functions like creating job descriptions are not confidential.

The Committee decided that, similar to in camera Council meetings, no motions should be allowed in camera other than to remain in camera or to include/exclude persons from the meeting.

Also similar to Council meetings, proxies in committees shall be able to remain during in camera sessions, unless otherwise determined by resolution of the committee.

The Committee then realized that what it had just passed in item 6 doesn't allow proxies attending an in-camera session to be informed of what occurred in previous in camera sessions.

A motion to rescind the motion carried under item 6 was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Ms. So (motion requires two-thirds supermajority).

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

It was also clarified that the new draft would allow proxies to be informed of in-camera information from previous sessions **ONLY** during the in-camera session they were present at, not at any other time.

Mr. Bancroft left the meeting at 6:16PM.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to redraft the "Proxies in Camera" document as well as the code changes described above for the next LPC meeting was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Ms. Tien.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

12. Consent Agenda

The Committee agreed that a consent agenda is a good idea for Council, to streamline routine non-contentious voting. The consent agenda would be used for routine, procedural, self-explanatory motions, including but not limited to the approval of minutes.

It will be important for councillors to look at items that are on the consent agenda, in case they wish to have a separate vote. At any time before the consent agenda is carried, any councillor can have an item on the consent agenda moved to the regular agenda (in the section where it would normally have gone).

The consent agenda will be placed before the presentations section, after the statements from students at large.

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Ms. Tien and seconded by Ms. So.
The motion was **carried** unanimously.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 6:32PM.