



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Minutes of the Legislative Procedures Committee

Thursday, 25 June 2015, 5:00PM, The Nest, Room 3529

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

Voting Members Present:

Mr. Benjamin Israel, Chair
Ms. Samantha So, Vice-Chair
Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Vice President Finance
Mr. Jude Crasta, Vice President External
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)
Ms. Angela Tien, Councillor (previously announced absence)
Mr. Quartermain Lim, Councillor (previously announced absence)
Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Councillor (previously announced absence)
Ms. Delaney Griffiths, Student-at-Large (previously announced absence)

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

Before the meeting commenced, Mr. Dakilah and Mr. Bancroft both signed the new Statement of Office for Committee Members form. Dr. Goldfarb collected these forms to give to Ms. Joanne Pickford.

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

An amendment to the agenda was proposed by Mr. Israel, to recommend the remuneration rate of the Hiring Chair after item 2 of the agenda.

A motion to adopt the agenda as amended was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Mr. Crasta.

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 Ms. So and seconded by Mr. Dakilah.

Votes In Favour (4): Ms. Samantha So, Mr. Jude Crasta, Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Mr. Mark Bancroft.

Votes Against (0):

Abstentions (1): Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski.

The motion was **carried**.

2a. Hiring Committee Chair Remuneration Recommendation

The Committee decided that Tier 2 is the appropriate remuneration for the Hiring Committee Chair, to achieve parity with the other paid committee chairs.

Concern was raised that certain equivalent positions, such as those on SAC, are only paid at Tier 1. It was noted that Mr. Ken Yih, Senior Manager, Human Resources, is currently reviewing the remuneration of all employees.

A motion to direct Mr. Israel to contact Mr. Adrian Talingdan, Hiring Committee Chair, to inform him of this concern was moved by Mr. Crasta and seconded by Mr. Miadlikowski.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

A motion to **direct** Dr. Goldfarb to send a motion recommending Tier 2 remuneration for the Hiring Committee Chair 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. Miadlikowski.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

After continuing the previous meeting's discussion, the Committee decided that the Consent Agenda could be very useful for the long-term efficiency of Council.

The Committee re-iterated that the items placed on the Consent Agenda should be non-contentious issues that are expected to have unanimous approval. The minutes sections on the Agenda will remain in place, because minutes do not necessarily have to be placed on the

Consent Agenda, and so that there will be a proper place for them if they are removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion to **direct** Dr. Goldfarb to send a revised draft incorporating the above instructions to Mr. Israel for approval by e-mail voting was moved by Mr. Miadlikowski and seconded by Mr. Crasta.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

4. Position Statements

Due to the shorter than usual notice for this extraordinary meeting, Mr. Pierre Cenerelli, University and Government Relations Advisor, was unable to attend or send new motivation for this discussion item.

A motion to postpone this item until the next meeting of the Committee was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Ms. So.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

5. Council's Ability to Reprimand

Mr. Crasta advised that he had begun consulting with other student societies regarding their ability to reprimand their executives. He was met with some confusion while asking these questions.

Mr. Crasta advised that the BCIT Student Association reported being able to censure executives by resolution. The Kwantlen Student Association has not yet returned Mr. Crasta's messages, and he had yet to contact the Capilano Students' Union.

Mr. Israel advised that his research revealed many other societies which also censure by resolution, much like the Society has done.

Mr. Crasta requested a postponement of this item to allow him to further consult with other student societies.

A motion to postpone discussion of this item until the Committee's next meeting was moved by Mr. Miadlikowski and seconded by Mr. Dakilah.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

6. BAGB Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION 1: Change two Student-at-Large positions (two year term) to Councillor positions (one year term).

The Committee approved of this recommendation to promote greater cohesion between Council and BAGB.

Dr. Goldfarb noted that this separation was not inadvertent; Council had wanted complete separation from BAGB, but this was impossible due to the Society Act.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft this amendment for review at the next meeting of the Committee was moved by Mr. Miadlikowski and seconded by Mr. Dakilah.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Make the Vice-President Finance a voting member of BAGB, and make the President a voting member who shall only cast a vote to break a tie or otherwise affect the result of a vote.

The Committee approved of this recommendation. The Vice-President Finance is more involved in the matters discussed in BAGB, and thus he should be the more-often-voting member.

As a result of this and the first recommendation, there will be four voting members on BAGB with links to Council.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft this amendment for review at the next meeting of the Committee was moved by Mr. Crasta and seconded by Mr. Bancroft.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

Note: In the circulated document, Recommendation 3 had been struck.

RECOMMENDATION 4: Change the name of BAGB from "Business and Administration Governance Board" to "Business and Administration Advisory Board".

The Committee approved of BAGB's name being changed to better reflect its advisory status rather than a governing body. However, the Committee preferred the name "Advisory Board for Business and Administration".

The Committee agreed that the acronym for the newly named committee would not detract from its seriousness, as there is precedent for endearing acronyms or nicknames for committees.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft an amendment changing the name of the "Business and Administration Governance Board" to the "Advisory Board for Business and Administration" was moved by Mr. Miadlikowski and seconded by Mr. Crasta.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION 5: Amend Code to state that the President shall direct the General Manager in accordance with the determinations of Council.

The necessity for this change is to ensure that Code does not make the advice of the General Manager ("GM") binding on the Society. The President will instead liaise with the GM instead of carrying out his or her wishes.

The Committee decided that the GM should report to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Crasta inquired as to whether he had a conflict of interest in this matter. Mr. Israel ruled that there was no such conflict in this case, as while the Executive would potentially gain some power, there was no personal gain for Mr. Crasta himself.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft this amendment for review at the next meeting of the Committee was moved by Mr. Crasta and seconded by Ms. So.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION 6: Amend Code to remove BAGB as the intermediary between Council and the General Manager.

The Committee approved of the amendment as stated in the recommendation.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft this amendment for review at the next meeting of the Committee was moved by Mr. Crasta and seconded by Mr. Miadlikowski.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION 7: Take steps to actually create the BAGB manual.

The Committee noted that many other Committees do not make policies. Concern was also raised that BAGB both creates and reviews their manual as per Code.

The Committee decided to return to this recommendation after reviewing the rest of the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION 8: Amend Code to have the General Manager report directly to Council, rather than having a summary of his/her reports passed on to Council from BAGB.

The Committee approved of the direct reporting structure, and desired quarterly reports, rather than triennially.

While the reasoning for summaries rather than full reports being brought to Council may have been for confidentiality reasons, Council can always go into camera if sensitive information is being discussed.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft this amendment for review at the next meeting of the Committee was moved by Ms. So and seconded by Mr. Miadlikowski.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION 9: Amend Code to have the Executive Committee set the General Manager's salary, rather than BAGB.

The Committee discussed whether to give this power to the Executive Committee or to vest it with Council.

It was noted that councillors are not involved in the day to day affairs of the Society. As such, they may not take the full extent of the General Manager's position into account when approving their salary.

The possibility of having the Executive Committee set the salary, with Council being able to overrule such a decision, was discussed. However, this would not be feasible, because by the time Council decided to overrule said decision, a contract would already be in place with the General Manager.

It was also noted that, before BAGB, either the Executive Committee or the President set the salary of the General Manager.

Mr. Crasta advised that both the Kwantlen Students' Association and the Capilano Students' Union had their executives set the salary for their General Manager.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft this amendment for review at the next meeting of the Committee was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Mr. Bancroft.

Votes In Favour (3): Ms. Samantha So, Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Mr. Mark Bancroft.

Votes Against (0):

Abstentions (2): Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Mr. Jude Crasta.

The motion was **carried**.

RECOMMENDATIONS 7 AND 10-12:

A motion to postpone discussion of these remaining recommendations until the next meeting of the Committee, where Mr. Philip Edgcumbe (BAGB Chair) would hopefully attend, was moved by Ms. So and seconded by Mr. Crasta.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Mr. Crasta.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 6:59PM.