



# THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## Minutes of the Legislative Procedures Committee

Wednesday, 5 August 2015, 5:00PM, The Nest, Room 3522

### 1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

#### Voting Members Present:

Mr. Benjamin Israel, Chair  
Ms. Samantha So, Vice-Chair (*left at 6:30PM, appointed Mr. Vu as proxy*)  
Ms. Angela Tien, Councillor  
Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Councillor (*arrived at 6:20PM, appointed Kathleen Simpson as proxy until his arrival*)  
Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Vice President Finance  
Mr. Quartermain Lim, Councillor

#### 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. Viet Vu, Oversight Chair (*arrived at 5:29PM, appointed as proxy for Ms. So at 6:30PM*)  
Ms. Ava Nasiri, Vice President Administration (*Joined briefly at the request of the Chair to be consulted regarding executive duties*)

#### Regrets:

Mr. Jude Crasta, Vice President External  
Mr. Mark Bancroft, Student-at-Large  
Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Student-at-Large  
Ms. Veronica Knott, Councillor  
Ms. Delaney Griffiths, Student-at-Large

*Mr. Pea advised Mr. Israel via Facebook Message that he has appointed Ms. Simpson to act as his proxy until his arrival.*

These minutes were recorded by Mr. Israel and Ms. So, replaced by Mr. Vu at 6:30PM.

Quorum was met and the meeting was **called to order** at 5:13 PM.

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An amendment to the agenda was proposed to move Item 7 (HR Representatives on Committees and Commissions) to before Item 3 (Recording E-mail Votes in Minutes).

A motion to adopt the agenda as amended was moved by Ms. Tien and seconded by Mr. Miadlikowski.

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

## 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. Miadlikowski and seconded by Ms. So.

Votes In Favour (3): Ms. Samantha So, Ms. Angela Tien, Mr. Quartermain Lim.

Votes Against (0):

Abstentions (2): Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ms. Kathleen Simpson (proxy for Mr. Jeffrey Pea).  
The motion was **carried**.

Mr. Israel agreed to send these minutes to Ms. Joanne Pickford, the AMS Administrative Assistant.

## 3. HR Representatives on Committees and Commissions

The Committee wanted to ensure that either the Senior Manager of HR or a designate could be sent to LPC, Hiring Committee, and SAC.

Mr. Yih advised that he believes there is value to having an HR presence at these three committees/commissions to prevent HR ramifications from committee actions. The HR representative would not be commenting on any non-HR matters.

While he was unsure of whether an HR presence is required at every single meeting, Mr. Yih was in favour of trying this for a year.

Current language specifies that these meetings have to occur within regular business hours, which could be problematic, especially during the summer when Councillors are often unavailable during these hours. The language suggested was "Shall strive to hold meetings during regular business hours".

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft these changes and submit them to the Committee for its next meeting was moved by Ms. Tien and seconded by Ms. Simpson (proxy for Mr. Pea).  
The motion was **carried** by unanimous consent

#### **4. Recording E-mail Votes in Minutes**

The drafted language allows the Chair of the committee or commission to include the e-mail vote results however they desire in the minutes, as long as it is in the minutes.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to send this draft 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 Mr. Lim and seconded by Mr. Miadlikowski. The motion was **carried** by unanimous consent.

#### **5. 2/3 Consent Items**

This amendment accomplishes two goals: If there are any consent agenda items requiring a 2/3 supermajority, there will be two separate consent agenda omnibus motions, one for the motions requiring a simple majority, and one for those requiring a supermajority.

Although a failed consent agenda motion results in all of its constituent motions failing, any councillor may amend the agenda to have one of these parts voted on again, without the specific requirements of a motion to reconsider.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to send this draft 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 Mr. Lim. The motion was **carried** by unanimous consent.

#### **6. Council Meeting Location**

As per the direction given him by the Committee at its last meeting, Mr. Israel reported regarding the naming of the Michael Kingsmill Forum. There is no record of this naming being discussed in Council. If it was discussed in Council, it must have been in camera when neither Dr. Goldfarb nor Mr. Ross Horton, AMS General Manager, were present.

Michael Kingsmill is the longest standing employee of the Society, and has gone above and beyond his duties in his contributions. He was instrumental in nearly all building renovations in the SUB, and is more than deserving of having this room named after him.

The Committee indicated satisfaction with Mr. Israel's report.

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The Society is retaining control of the basement of the SUB. Certain aspects, such as the loading dock, are necessary for the Nest to function.

The SUB will no longer be known as the Student Union Building as of 1 September 2015.

The Committee decided to retain the language in Dr. Goldfarb's draft, and change the definition of the SUB to be the "building formerly known as the Student Union Building...".

The Committee again agreed that the Council Meeting Location shall be known as the Forum in code.

The current Code refers to an opening in the tables in Council Chambers in defining which seats are reserved, however the tables in the Forum will be a different layout. The Committee decided to go with broad language, with seats at the Forum tables being reserved.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to redraft this Code amendment with the above changes and submit them to the Committee for its next meeting was moved by Mr. Miadlikowski and seconded by Ms. Tien.

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

## 7. Executive Duties in Code

At the request of the Chair, the Committee moved into camera, allowing the present guests to remain.

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The Committee left camera.

### VP Academic and University Affairs

The Committee decided to strike duty 1(d).

Duty 1(e) requires constituency interactions. The Committee wondered whether it should more properly fall under SAC jurisdiction.

When consulted, Ms. Ava Nasiri agreed that this duty should fall under SAC, specifically her portfolio as Chair of SAC.

The Committee decided to strike duty 1(l), and possibly assign it to Dr. Goldfarb.

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The Committee decided to strike the entirety of paragraph 2, as it would not behoove Council to have these positions mandated and regulated by Code. They would instead be hired as needed through the usual process.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft the above changes and submit it to the Committee for its next meeting was moved by Mr. Miadlikowski and seconded by Ms. So.  
The motion was **carried** by unanimous consent.

A motion to reconsider the previous motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes was moved by Ms. So and seconded by Mr. Miadlikowski.  
The motion was **carried** by unanimous consent.

*Mr. Jeffrey Pea arrived at 6:20PM.*

As no voting member wished to move this motion, the motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes **failed**.

#### VP External

No changes will be made to the VP External's duties in Code.

#### VP Administration

The Committee considered provision 1(a), which makes the VP Administration responsible for the management of the SUB, including its use, maintenance, and condition. It will be amended to have the VP Admin keep SAC and Council informed as to the use, maintenance, and condition of the AMS Student Nest.

1(e) and (f) will be struck.

Paragraph 2 will be struck, as will the equivalent paragraph for the rest of the Executives.

*At 6:30PM, Ms. Samantha So left, and designated Mr. Viet Vu as her proxy.*

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft the above changes and submit it to the Committee for its next meeting was moved by Mr. Lim and seconded by Ms. Tien.  
The motion was **carried** by unanimous consent.

VP Finance

The Committee discussed whether it was necessary to have the VP Finance be the signing officer for the Finance Commission, as he is already a signing officer for the Society.

The Committee recognized that an internal signing officer (for a club, committee, or commission) is not the same thing as a signing officer for the Society. That group's signing officer is responsible for submitting requests for financial or other signatory matters to a signing officer for the Society. Thus, the Finance Commission still needs a signing officer.

Reporting to President

Each Executive has reporting to the President (the President has overseeing the Executives) as a duty. The original reason for this inclusion was so the President could reign in the Executives.

The Committee decided to strike these provisions.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft these changes and submit them to the Committee for its next meeting was moved by Ms. Tien and seconded by Mr. Vu (proxy for Ms. So).

Votes In Favour (4): Ms. Angela Tien, Mr. Viet Vu (proxy for Ms. Samantha So), Mr. Quartermain Lim, Mr. Jeffrey Pea.

Votes Against (0):

Abstentions (1): Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski.

The motion was **carried**.

**8. CiTR Canadian Requirement**

Code currently requires all appointees to CiTR to be Canadian, due to the CiTR Bylaws, based on the CRTC requirements.

CiTR is a separate society; their only ties to the Society are financial. The Society appoints three members to its board, including the VP Finance.

CiTR determined that they are actually allowed to have non-Canadians on their board, as long as it is 80% Canadian.

The Committee decided that we should remove all mention of Canadian citizenship requirements from Code, and should let CiTR worry about whether our appointees break CRTC requirements.

A motion to direct Dr. Goldfarb to draft the above changes and submit it to the Committee for its next meeting was moved by Ms. Tien and seconded by Mr. Vu (Proxy for Ms. So).

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

## **9. Adjournment**

As there was no further business on the agenda, the meeting was **adjourned** at 6:59PM.