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Minutes of the AMS Legislative Procedures Committee
January 15, 2015

Attendance

Present: Marjan Hatai, Mark Bankroft, Jenna Omassi, Angela Tien, Lauren Telford, Tanner Bokor, Veronica Knott, Ava Nasiri

Invited: Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey, Lauren Telford, Marjan Hatai, Angela Tien, Veronica Knott, Jeff Pea, Mark Bancroft, Tanner Bokor, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Daniel Levangie, Sheldon Goldfarb.

Regrets: Sheldon Goldfarb, Aaron Bailey, Jeff Pea

Recording Secretary: Jenna Omassi

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:36 pm

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Agenda

Move: Lauren, Second: Angela
Unanimous approval

2. Governance Review Update

Tanner: Josh completed the second revision to the governance review plan and going to the Build AMS and CC-ing LPC next week.

3. Aboriginal Commissioner Job Description

Jenna: There has not been an Aboriginal Commissioner since September, and a new one was just hired. As a result of the lack of someone in this position for so long, Anne is proposing to raise the hours of the AC from 8 hours/week to 10 hours/week, and there is money to pay them because we had budgeted to have someone in the position all year.

Lauren: What is the reasoning behind this change? Is this a tier 1 position?

Jenna: The reasoning is that the newly appointed AC has to get a lot done to make up

for lost time. This is a tier one position.

Move: Marjan, Second: Veronica

Unanimous approval

4. Divestment Policy & Policy on Policy 69

Jenna: We are only looking at the formatting of these external policies. They had been sent to LPC/myself to properly format them, and along with Daniel and Pierre, we have figured out how to properly apply the policy on policies to External Policies.

Veronica: Is the font in the right formatting described in the policy on policies?

Jenna: I will look into that. Pending font changes, can we approve these policies to send them back to Council for January 21st?

Move: Marjan, Second: Mark

Unanimous approval (pending font changes)

5. Student Services Manager Position

Veronica: Can you explain the SLCC makeup and the addition of “or their designate” for the SSM?

Jenna: This was added because currently the Assistant SSM should be attending SLCC, being the person who currently deals with marketing and communications for Services, however there is no guarantee that there will always be an ASSM or another position like it.

Jenna: Sheldon had commented that in this document we had forgotten to move the SSM under Services, from Presidential Officers. Pending that change can we approve this?

Move: Angela, Second: Marjan

Unanimous approval (pending change of SSM under ‘Services’ in Code)

Ava arrived

6. Nest Fest Job Description

Nest Fest Assistant Coordinator

Ava: Nest Fest Assistant Coordinator, changes approved by New SUB. We have to extend their contracts to April, and give them less hours in January. We are no longer having a massive opening, which will make changes to the Assistant Coordinator’s position. We also want to be changing the name to Assistant Coordinator, rather than Nest Fest Assistant Coordinator. I will be taking out the word “fest”.

Jenna: No other changes, but ‘Fest’?

Ava: That is the only change. Just a note, this is going to Council retroactively.

Move: Lauren, Second: Mark

Unanimous approval (pending deletion of 'Fest' from the JD)

AMS Student Nest Team Member

Ava: This hasn't gone to New SUB committee yet, so it will go to Council from New SUB, pending approval. The four people hired were supposed to have their contracts end January 15th. They will be giving tours and have knowledge of the old and new SUBs. The changes you see are taking the time between now and opening and using it productively. These four people will research different activities and equipment to put into the pocket lounges. This would only apply to people who are still interested.

Marjan: Are they not doing anything at this point?

Ava: They have been acting as the events street team in the meantime. The way their job was described was not a stable 10 hours/week.

Jenna: Do we have the money for this? Is this a good use of money?

Tanner: Because of their hourly nature, it would be easier for them to stay.

Lauren: Is there any overlap with other building managers?

Tanner: No, they are the only ambassadors for the building

Ava: Rae and myself do not have time to be doing this work, especially with the delays. Neither of us would give the right time to researching the pocket lounges.

Jenna: So we are seeking LPC approval pending New Sub approval?

Tanner: Yes, we can do this.

Veronica: I would caution using them for events again, because the money is coming from New SUB.

Ava: From my understanding the money for them was coming from events when they worked for the Events Team.

Move: Ava, Second: Angela

Unanimous approval (pending New SUB approval)

7. ~~Security of Council Chambers~~

Jenna: Sheldon has pointed out other additions that must be made before looking at this Code section again.

(Come back next week)

8. Hiring Committee

Tanner: Executive Director code should take out SSM hiring

Jenna: Pending the deletion of the SSM from ED Code for hiring can we approve this?

Move: Lauren, Second: Marjan

Unanimous approval (pending deletion of SSM hiring from ED Code sections)

9. University Commission

Jenna: This is the deletion of the University Commission and moving the important pieces of this commission into the VP Academic & University Affairs' job description.

Anne has asked for this change and is aware that we are discussing it today.

Move: Mark, Second: Lauren

Unanimous approval

10. Travel Policy

Jenna: I sent wrong version to you all, let's review it again next week.

(Come back next week)

11. Vantage College

Tanner: In terms of the Vantage College fee collection, we may need to consult the lawyers. We may need to figure out how to structure them in this organization.

Veronica: I would caution not to make this a big issue as this is about representing students. We cannot leave them without representation, so we have to figure something out for these students.

Tanner: We will have a fee problem. This will have a fiscal and legal impact on us.

Veronica: We should be making a plan for the students.

Jenna: According to the Council there are two different ways this can play out. Firstly, Vantage College can have their own organization that has a non-voting status on Council (as per bylaws). Secondly, they can be represented by the appropriate undergraduate societies and then have their own subsidiary group. Either way, LPC will be discussing the Code implications and ensuring that it is all following bylaws. The VP Academic office will be dealing with the process itself.

12. Student Court

Jenna: We need to be speaking about Student Court for two reasons. Firstly, according to bylaws, we need to be appointing people to Student Court and have it functioning, which we currently do not. Secondly, this is the only body that can edit referendum questions if Council believes they are too ambiguous, which may be a problem we will be having very soon.

Tanner: Sheldon and I have been working on Code changes for Student Court. These include opening up the 'representation' on the court. Secondly, this means having the court function more like a board, not giving their own form of legal rulings. And finally, this means that the board will understand the limits of their power and function as an oversight, rather than a real court, which is really the main cause of the problems we had in the past. These changes are looking at the DIE Board that the University of

Alberta currently has.

Jenna: I have been keeping Camelia, the AMS Ombudsperson in the loop through the process and will try to ensure that she comes to all meetings we discuss Student Court and changes.

Tanner: We are a little bit under the gun – this needs to pass at Council on February 7th

Veronica: Referencing the board is weird, because we already have one. It would be better to call them IDE, or something else.

Jenna: We will be working on this at the next two meetings.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is 12:30pm January 22, 2015 in SUB 266J

Adjourn

1. Moved Marjan, Seconded Angela

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm