Minutes of the AMS Legislative Procedures Committee
January 22, 2015

Attendance

Present: Jenna Omassi, Lauren Telford, Marjan Hatai, Angela Tien, Veronica Knott, Delaney Griffiths, Sheldon Goldfarb, Mateusz Miadlikowski.

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: Jeff Pea

Recording Secretary: Jenna Omassi

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:42 pm

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Agenda

Move: Marjan, Second: Veronica

2. Governance Review Update

Jenna: The Build AMS will be meeting tomorrow. I would like to talk about the Governance Review Proposal. Anne brought up some concerns, including the permanent members and chairs having to be students. Additionally brought up that LPC should be consulted in the first step of the consultation.

Veronica: There is a lot of work going into the first section

Jenna: We are assuming that an external review will happen.

Sheldon: part of the reason it was shut down was because it wasn’t prepared for

Veronica: this report should be sent to Council for approval. This is what they were asking for in the first place. Council should approve the whole process. When it came to
Council last time it was just the contracts, this should go to council and be clarified before putting staff and exec hours into this. It is a large sum of money being put into this, and a lot of what if's about next years budget, becoming a mandate of next’s years.

Sheldon: Council can accept this in principal. Ex: committee reform – first governance review? And then do we want an external piece?

Veronica: and then the rest can be done with a lot more confidence.

Veronica: might want to remove “lack of buy-in from Council”

Jenna:  Hours to do the internal governance review are being attributed to Permanent Staff members without thinking about the implications and is this a good use of their time, especially when moving into the New SUB. This conversation needs to have some changes

Sheldon: Moving into the new building may give a new perspective on the governance of the AMS.

Veronica: making sure that Council approval comes

3. **Travel Policy**

Jenna: The changes were made that was asked for. This included the changes of word “permission” to “approval” to make this policy less punitive. SSM and ED were included and moved out of ‘executives’ and the Shinerama coordinator was included. Additionally, professional development has been included as a reason for traveling, and take-away items to include an implementation plan.

Marjan: In purposes & goals, is ‘plan’ the right word? Should it maybe be ‘reflect’?

Jenna: The intention is to make a ‘plan’ to implement items learnt at conferences, so plan is the right word.

Delaney: When using the word plan, you get the reflection and applying these things. This is more all-encompassing. Would there be an official document for everyone to fill out?

Jenna: Right now the structure is that executives report to EC or Council, normally in similar ways.

*Action: Jenna to send to Sheldon, to send to Council*

4. **Alcohol Consumption Policy**

Lauren: It took me three months, I sent the SLCC chair nine emails reminding her to get back to me, SAC and Nany from Food and Beverage. It took three months and no one had any changes. The only thing that I thought needed changing: the AMS should
discourage alcohol consumption, so added ‘when necessary’
Veronica: Is there a reason that you didn’t consult with AMS Events
Lauren: I added food and beverage. That does make sense though.
Jenna: Do you want to?
Lauren: I can go back.
Jenna: Mention of the SUB
Mat: It is still the SUB
Veronica: Can we ombus all the mentions of the SUB
Sheldon: It is still going to be a SUB, it will come into effect when we are still in the building.
**Action: Lauren to consult AMS events**

5. **Musqueam Communication Policy**

Jenna: This communication policy is intended to ensure that all communications through the AMS all passed by the UGRA so that both proper protocol is followed, and that conflicting communications do not happen.
Veronica: I am concerned about this extending this to Constituencies. How well would it apply to smaller constituencies? I am concerned you are applying a policy to a large amount of people that don’t know it exists.
Sheldon: The precedent is that these are all applied to constituencies. When the Alcohol Consumption policy first came in, there was push-back from council.
Veronica: This is restricting communication it could go badly. This will cause punitive issues later on.
Jenna: This is not a punitive policy, so there should not be a problem that it is applied to all.
Veronica: Can we add in that we are informing constituencies? It is just the implementation of the policy.
Jenna: Can this be a procedure that is asked of from the VP Academic & University Affairs following the passing of the policy?
Veronica: that solves the problem.
Sheldon: Problem with paragraph 4. I think what is meant it that ongoing contact “need not be approved”, it is worded wrongly.
**Action: Send back to VP Academic to edit and consult Aboriginal Commissioner.**

6. **Student Court**
Jenna: These changes are coming because we might need to amend Student Court Code in anticipation of having to use it before the upcoming elections. Tanner has brought forward these possible changes.

Veronica: I wonder about the optics. I also have concerns with 1D(6d).

Sheldon: That change is illegal, judgments of the court must take effect by AMS Council accepting them.

Veronica: Cannot reference IDE as a Board, because we have one. Cannot have board stand alone because of board of directors.

Sheldon: To change the name in code you would have to do a work-around.

Delaney: What is Student Court?

Sheldon: Complaints by individuals, disciplinary powers (fine), referendum questions and can interpret the bylaws of the AMS. They have been dormant for 5 years, we have not hired because in the previous 5 years there were several cases that they handled in a problematic way. All rulings have to come to council and only take effect if AMS Council said yes and 4/5 cases council did not want to pass them. Should we be amending the bylaws and failed. Code has changed over time. Tanner believes we should be filling student court positions, but I don’t see the reason to amend student court.

Delaney: So it is applicable now?

Sheldon: This discussion belongs in the governance review, and some of the problems address bylaws. He wants to change the name because of implications, but it is the name.

Jenna: Please provide direction as to what should be kept and would be acceptable changes.

Veronica: The actual changes are very limited.

Sheldon: It seems rushed, and there is one line that is in direct violation of the bylaws.

Veronica: Cannot change the name without changing the bylaws.

Sheldon: There is a work-around, and we can say that IDE is what the bylaws mention as Student Court.

Jenna: Ombudsperson should stay

Veronica: Small name changes – “clerk liaison” is fine, getting rid of the name prosecutor is fine. I don’t like the job descriptions that he has deleted. The deletions are good, they are currently adding complications. (Veronica to let me know later on)

Angela: Then you have to get rid of all changes

Jenna: Ombudsperson and some of the smaller changes allowed.

Sheldon: The board will set its own procedures?

Jenna: That is not okay – any substantive changes staying?
Sheldon: it makes sense to make some of these deletions, and we normally suspend code. It is sensible to take it all away.
Jenna: So please look over this Veronica, send to Tanner.
Sheldon: I had dug up the job descriptions from the last time, he has used the old ones, do you want to see the old ones?

7. Position Statements

8. Executive Director

9. Student Services Manager

Jenna: To change - No longer presidential officer under services, renumeration by hiring committee, reporting to ED, still do performance reports, budget to ED.
Action: Sheldon to make changes

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is 12:30pm January 29, 2015 in SUB 266J

Adjourn

1. Moved Lauren, Seconded Angela

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm