Minutes of the AMS Legislative Procedures Committee
March 19, 2015

Attendance

Present: Jenna Omassi, Lauren Telford, Marjan Hatai, Veronica Knott, Sarah Fernando, Delaney Griffiths, Mark Bancroft, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sheldon Goldfarb.

Invited: Jenna Omassi, Lauren Telford, Marjan Hatai, Angela Tien, Veronica Knott, Sarah Fernando, Delaney Griffiths, 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 12:34 pm

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Agenda
   Move: Mark, Second: Veronica
   Passes unanimously

2. Build AMS
   Jenna: Meeting this week, changes made based of off feedback of Councillors.
   Veronica: Did they consult exec com on the BuildAMS documentation and plan?
   Action: Jenna to follow-up with Build AMS committee

3. Policies
   Mark: Responsible Computer Use Policy ready, without a reply from Serena
   Action: Jenna following up with Serena/SLCC on Responsible Computer Use Policy
   Marjan: consulting, to forward emails to Jenna
   Lauren: gone to SAC
   Delaney: working on her policy

4. Executive Director
   Jenna: As discussed, we are consolidating all information about the ED in the
section in Code on executives, as all other roles are properly codified. Sheldon: Does not say how they are hired in this Code. Veronica: It is mentioned in the hiring section - can it be referenced? Sheldon: The hiring committee makes recommendations to Council on the hiring. Jenna: Does it have to be mentioned? Referenced? Veronica: If it is somewhere else, it does not need to be repeated. Sheldon: We do duplicate these sections already, in Ombudsperson Code. I will put in how they are hired. Jenna: 12(2)(e) - does the ED report to the President? Action: Jenna to check who the executive director reports to. Action: Sheldon to add how they are hired.

5. Agenda Committee
Jenna: Graham’s changes were contrary to the changes that we have made. He sought to increase the powers of Agenda Com, whereas we are trying to ensure that they stick to their one main role and that it gets done. The one aspect that we had not considered is the deputy speaker - do we still need this position? While we are updating the Code on Agenda Com, we might as well deal with this as well. Sheldon: There has never been a deputy speaker. If the speaker cannot make it, then you have someone who is trained in the software and they take over, rather than the President taking over. The Speaker is also the chair of the election appeals committee. Veronica: We should delete it, it is nothing we would never effectively implement. Sheldon: We would have to amend to remove deputy speaker and what would happen if the speaker could not be at the elections appeals meeting. Jenna: Designated by the speaker? Sheldon: They don’t have to be a student, because the speaker does not. Jenna: Section III, Article 2, 1 - Does this work? Going through agenda com? Does not conflict bylaws because President must ‘prepare’ agenda. Veronica: In response to emergency motions, council members can add/amend at the council meeting. Why does the president have the ability to add motions before that point? Sara: What about adding criteria for something needing to be on agenda past the point of the agenda being sent out. Veronica: Maybe we should be more strict. There should be a little more oversight when it is decided that something is an emergency.
Jenna: We cannot ‘define’ emergency. LPC has tried to do so, and was never successful.
Veronica: In (12) can it be Agenda Committee.
Jenna: 2,4,5 “President must add” stays, 12 it changes to Agenda Committee
Jenna: The President is supposed to be ‘preparing’ the agenda, this is not to limit the power of the President, but to ensure that Agenda Com meets.
Sara: Does agenda com have the big picture/context to decide.
Veronica: I think they will because it is made up of committee chairs
Sheldon: It would be more in line if 2,4,5 become ‘Agenda Committee’.
Consider the situation - the agenda committee wants a motion to be moved, but a committee chair meets. This was put in Code because of the concern that the President wasn’t listening. This would be a change.
Jenna: Should agenda com have the power to say no?
Veronica: Yes. Council can suspend Code and add motions if they want to. The agenda can be amended from the floor.
Veronica: The President prepares the agenda, so 2,4,5 stay the President. And then agenda committee can decide, up to three meetings.
Jenna: (7,12) should be agenda com, rather than the President.
Action: Sheldon to draft changes

6. Funds Streamlining

7. Oversight Overhaul
Veronica: This is based on the presentation to Council. These are the changes that outline how the new oversight will work. There are also still some timelines that need to be changed. The controversial thing is an addition that the Oversight Chair be changed.
Jenna: Why is “key activities and personnel of the Society” removed?
Veronica: These changes are all referenced in the report sent to Council.
Jenna: Can I send this to Sheldon to fix, and also send along the report to LPC to consider?
Action: Jenna to send to Sheldon to format and to send report for next week

8. BAGB
Jenna: I attended a BAGB meeting yesterday at which they have proposed holding their own ‘Governance Review’ because of the problems sent out in a memo, in which it is suggested that BAGB is going against AMS bylaws. I have asked if someone from LPC could be invited to the meetings of the Governance Review - I can sit on it, or someone else if you are all interested.
Action: Jenna & Veronica to sit in on Governance Review of BAGB
(Mateusz arrives)

9. Computer Use Policy (Mark)
Mark: There were three policies and I put them all together. There shouldn’t be anything too controversial.
Lauren: Does it talk about blocked websites? What kind of websites should be blocked.
Mark: It talks about only accessing websites relevant to work.
Lauren: Is there any distinction? There is non-work personal and there is “not-allowed” sites.
Mark: Section 12,a
Jenna: Would 12a suffice?
Marjan: That is open.
Lauren: Open to someone’s problematic discretion? But that should suffice.
Action: Jenna to reformat and send to Serena

10. Unclassified Students
Jenna: The question of unclassified students and their representation is one that LPC has been trying to tackle for quite awhile. The problem is twofold; unclassified students are hard to mobilize and create a society for, and they are not a degree granting body, so as per bylaws cannot have a voting seat on Council. Any creative ideas on how to incorporate them, besides bylaw changes?
Veronica: We should run elections for them.
Jenna: There will be a discrepancy because they won’t have a society, they will lack resources that others have on Council.
Veronica: Could you theoretically get enough courses and get a degree?
Jenna: I don’t think they are ‘degree granting’, so they could not have a voting seat. I will look into this though.
Action: look into ‘degree granting’ unclassified students

11. Student Representation Attendance on AMS Council
Jenna: The president of the NUS emailed Sheldon and I to ask about looking at bylaws to make a change to attendance of AMS Councillors. Nursing students, and some others (ex: Education) go on practicum and cannot attend all the AMS Council meetings. They have asked to give more leeway to these students so that their council does not need to re-appoint them every time they miss 5 meetings.
Sheldon: I wasn’t sure what he wanted. If they never attend, what’s the point
of being an AMS Councillor?
Veronica: Does he just want to be on the email list? We could keep the nursing rep on the mailing list, but he should still be removed.
Sheldon: There are a lot of important reasons they should be sitting on council and attending meetings. It has been difficult for nursing and education.
Veronica: It is a 20-month program, so it is difficult. They don’t constantly have practicums.
Sheldon: I asked is all nursing students are unavailable on Wednesday evenings? If some students can attend the meetings, then those people should be their representatives.
Veronica: They can stay on the mailing list.
Action: Jenna to communicate LPC discussion to NUS.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is 12:30pm March 26, 2015 in SUB 266J

Adjourn

1. Moved Mark, Seconded Sara

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