Agenda of the AMS Legislative Procedures Committee
April 23, 2015

Attendance

Present: Jenna Omassi, Marjan Hatai, Angela Tien, Veronica Knott, Benjamin Israel, Delaney Griffiths, Jeff Pea, Ava Nasiri, Sheldon Goldfarb

Invited: Jenna Omassi, Marjan Hatai, Angela Tien, Veronica Knott, Sarah Fernando, Benjamin Israel, Delaney Griffiths, Jeff Pea, Mark Bancroft, Tanner Bokor, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Daniel Levangie, Sheldon Goldfarb.

Regrets: Sarah Fernando

Recording Secretary: Jenna Omassi

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Agenda
   Move: Marjan, Second: Benj
   Jenna: move amend agenda to include vice-chair appointment
   Passes unanimously

2. Approval of Minutes
   LPC Minutes 2015-2-26
   LPC Minutes 2015-3-12
   LPC Minutes 2015-3-19
   LPC Minutes 2015-3-26
   LPC Minutes 2015-4-9
   Move: Marjan, Second: Delaney
   Passes unanimously
   Action: Jenna to send to council

3. Policies
   (Mat arrives)
   Jenna: Delaney & Marjan to send their edits so far, so that they can be sent to the new LPC chair.
4. Appointment of Vice-Chair
   Marjan: I nominate Benj.
   Move: Angela, Second: Ava
   Passes unanimously (Mat abstains)

5. Oversight Overhaul
   Conflict declared by Jenna, Mat, Ava
   (Mat and Ava leave)
   Acting Chair is Benj
   Sheldon: There are two changes. The first is to add in the line saying that oversight shall have the following duty; responding to complaints and reporting on performance concerns. That was the wording that was in the oversight description previously. The second change is that an executive must remain in the process. (Approval all around)
   Sheldon: Do we want to cut out the values paragraph?
   Veronica: I would like to cut it out because in my opinion, values should be a council decision to censure, not an effect on compensation.
   Benj: What happens if someone is impeached?
   Sheldon: This is not the power oversight has.
   Veronica: You can attach different issues to a censure motion.
   Sheldon: That would be an HR issue.
   Benj: Can we add something about council affecting the oversight process?
   Veronica: Council currently can. What Benj is trying to say is that Council can determine to dock pay based on the values, not the oversight committee.
   Marjan: What is the benefit of this?
   Veronica: The other way would have oversight including values in the PAI review. This way it is the response to a report or in the rare case of a blatant breach of values. I don’t think it should be here at all, a councillor could move something from the floor. It is too subjective, which is an issue we run into with values.
   Benj: Reading the language of PAI, council sets the maximum value of PAI according to the procedures below. In order to allow values to be involved, it would not be in Code. What does everyone think?
   Veronica: I would want to remove values, as council can see if an executive has breached their performance, which is more objective.
   Sheldon: This idea of values is from Blake going to the UN, and from Bijon’s time. It was put in as a reaction to executives who largely breached values.
   Veronica: Values are within Code and JDs right? When we update all the execu-
tive duties in Code we can figure it out. Also, can we remove 50%? I am fine with council having the ability to reduce based off duties.

Marjan: I like the idea, but council is not engaged enough to make those kinds of judgements. Oversight should be making recommendations.

Veronica: Adjudicating on values is difficult and subjective. The duties are broad enough that we can include that no director of the society should be harming the society.

Sheldon: I will make the amendment and count the whole committee.

Move: Veronica, Second: Marjan
(With amendment to 3(c))

Passes unanimously (abstentions: Jenna, Ava, Mat)

Action: Sheldon to send to council, CC LPC

6. Email Voting

Jenna returns as chair

Jenna: After last LPC meeting, I touched base with Chris Roach about email votes at BoG, as well as looked up policies about online voting. What I found is that these are used for consent agendas, and for pieces that do not have to be debated or have already been. An email vote for the AMS would mean that an item will have already been properly debated beforehand, and that email voting would be done to solidify smaller votes that are time sensitive. These votes have to reach quorum.

Benj: There would have to be a time set for these votes.

Ava: 48 hours, in case of emergency should work.

Jenna: The chair has it in their best interest to give enough time, so I would say that it should be situation-dependent.

Benj: I am worried about a situation where someone wouldn’t voice their opinion, it should have been discussed more.

Ava: Some chairs may need the guidelines for timing.

Jeff: Is there a section on incentive or motivation for the use of email votes?

(Mat returns)

Jenna: Email votes would only be able to be done for something already discussed, that had substantive discussion beforehand. So, if committee members had been attending meetings, they would have had time to voice their opinions.

Sheldon: BoG does this.

Jenna: Yes, and it works for items that do not need to be debated on further.

Veronica: This goes along with consent agendas that are used.

Benj: What about teleconferencing?

Sheldon: Yes, this is already captured in Robert’s rules. We will be going against
Robert’s Rules doing email votes. A meeting for those rules is when issues can be discussed and debated, they don’t like the idea that proposals just happen. However, we can go against Robert’s Rules if we wish.

Jenna: Any other concerns?
Action: Sheldon to draft changes
(Delaney leaves)

7. BAGB
Jenna: There are no major updates with the BAGB Code Changes. They will be taken on by the next LPC chair, and will come to LPC to look over.

Next Meeting
The next scheduled meeting is TBA in SUB 266J

Adjourn
1. Moved Marjan, Seconded Benj

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm