Minutes of the AMS Legislative Procedures Committee
April 9, 2015

Attendance

Present: Sheldon Goldfarb, Jenna Omassi, Delaney Griffiths, Veronica Knott, Benjamin Israel, Angela Tien, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Mark Bancroft, Marjan Hatai.

Invited: Jenna Omassi, Benjamin Israel, 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: Sarah Fernando

Recording Secretary: Jenna Omassi

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Agenda
   Move: Angela, Second: Benj
   Passes Unanimously

2. Build AMS
   Jenna: No updates

3. Policies
   Jenna: Alcohol Consumption & Responsible Computer Use sent to Council and passed
   Action: Jenna to let Hong know RCU has passed, events about AC
   Action: Jenna to review all internal policies and create list for new LPC to update

4. Communication Policy
   Angela: There are not that many changes, the largest addition is that all communication has to go through the Communications Manager
   Sheldon: And you put in the Executive Director, in paragraph 3?
   Angela: I believe that it was already in there before.
Sheldon: The effective and approval date need to be updated.  
**Action:** Jenna to number and include new effective/approval date

Sheldon: In paragraph three it says that the comms manager and ED will put in procedures for the policy. Do you want any of that in the policy?  
Angela: There was no mention of procedures in the last one.  
Jenna: We took out procedures from policies when we created the Policy on Policies, so to stay in line with that we should probably not include them.  
Sheldon: Isn’t it really a policy how we comment and talk to media? Do we want something in there?  
Angela: Abby has guidelines in the communications department, it would not be a good idea to have something set that must be approved with a policy change.  
Marjan: Communications strategies and procedures vary greatly, having them in Code would make that difficult.  
Benj: 3E - can we put the ‘and’ in D? And can we fix the grammar?  
Jenna: The responsible Body is SLCC, so we need to get their approval.  
**Action:** Jenna to fix grammar/numbering and send to SLCC for approval.

**Move:** Marjan, **Second:** Benj  
Passes unanimously

5. **Oversight Overhaul**

Veronica: This is going have to go through some more changes before sending to council.  
**Mateusz & Jenna declare Conflict**  
**Chair moves to Veronica**

**Move:** Marjan, **Second:** Angela  

Veronica: There are many problems with how the current structure works. The code changes get rid of the executives being evaluated according to goals, their renumeration is based off of basic levels of duties that can be quantified (ex: meetings). We have fixed the inconsistency with the executive op-out, and oversight must do evaluation.  
Sheldon: We could put something in Code that executives must comply with the PAI process and participate.  
Benj: We should put that in. Speaking about those concerns, it seems as though the Code is about accountability, not solely for monetary gain. Should we include something about that?  
Veronica: Right now, the chair will do most of the allocation. It won’t be whether or not they do a good job, you could add it in to interview teams and goals. The problem is that it is a personal opinion, rather than an objective measure.
Benj: Doing this strictly objectively is problematic.
Veronica: Councillors and council in general can reprimand and censure executives if they are not doing their role properly. This code will be based on duties, which LPC should be updating. Keeping oversight objective would be good. We are going to have to add in about reports to review/the performance complaint aspect.
Recommendation to include oversight passage 2009:
(c) respond to, investigate, and if it so deems necessary by Resolution report to Council on performance concerns about members of the Executive, the General Manager, and Council appointees, including but not limited to the Speaker of Council, the Elections Administrator, and the judges of Student Court;
Sheldon: This passage was removed when we did committee review. Who should be looked over?
Veronica: I would include just the executive, none of the permanent staff. The only other change is looking at the timeline. Should we be looking into doing evaluations three times a year.
Sheldon: You want three times a year?
Veronica: Jenna, what do you think?
Jenna: I worry that it will be a drama-filled three times a year, as opposed to just one. Maybe baby steps?
Veronica: We can try to drastically change it all now.
Sheldon: It was brought in because there were many issues with executives, it was a very reactive piece of Code.
Veronica: Let’s not do the three time yearly or abolish afterwards.
**Action: Sheldon to draft changes**
Veronica: The values complaint aspect has been quite dramatic. From legal, there was no mention that we should not exclude values, but it is against the recommendations of legal counsel. Values complaints should come in the form of a censure or public punishment and should not be associated to an optional bonus.
Sheldon: What about the president sitting on committees, should we be keeping this?
Veronica: We should keep it and update executive duties in the coming year.
Benj: What about oversight and the President trying to access information for oversight?
Sheldon: We can say something that the documents of oversight are confidential.
**Action: Sheldon draft changes and speak to Daniel**
6. Position Statements

7. Conflict of Interest

*Jenna takes back duties as chair*

Sheldon: We have included a new paragraph 9 and paragraph 20B.
Jenna: We have also removed the exception that allowed employees to become directors. As you all remember, we discussed it being reasonable to ask an individual to make a choice between one or the other.
Sheldon: There was a member of the union, at the time when we were doing union negotiations. This might be apply in some other place in this code (being on two boards).
Benj: It does not seem unreasonable to me.
Sheldon: The situation first arose when a BoG rep was elected, but we did not want to deny an employee to stop working.
Veronica: Is this not equitable?
Jenna: According to discussions with Ken, it is completely allowed. We are not asking a student to give up their job, we are asking them to make a choice. Additionally, we did not change definition of a conflict of interest as the one in code does reflect the ideas we had.
Sheldon: You already have to declare the nature of a conflict, extending to cover all discussions, not just motions. This brings in all the points that were covered by Ken.
*Move: Marjan, Second: Angela*
Passes unanimously
Action: Sheldon to send to Joanne for the first meeting in May

8. Vantage College Representation

Jenna: Just to provide an update to LPC, the VP Academic & University Affairs office has been conducting informal consultations with students at Vantage College about their representation to the AMS. Through these it has been determined that the preferable way in which they would like to be represented is through their respective undergraduate societies. Anne has reached out to council to ask their opinion on further consultation or not before going forward. As such, LPC might have to assist undergraduate societies with code changes, but will not have to change code to deal with this situation.

9. Executive Duties

10. Email Voting
Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is April 23, 2015 at 12PM in SUB 266J

Adjourn

1. Moved Angela, Seconded Marjan

   There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm