



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Minutes of the Legislative Procedures Committee
Monday, 1 February 2016, 11:00AM, The Nest, Room 3529

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

Voting Members Present:

Mr. Benjamin Israel, Chair
Ms. Samantha So, Vice-Chair
Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Vice President Finance
Mr. Tommy Reid, Councillor
Mr. Daniel Lam, Proxy for Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Councillor
Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Councillor (*Arrived 11:59AM*)
Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Student-at-Large (*Arrived 11:17AM*)

Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Aaron Bailey, AMS President

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Sheldon Goldfarb, AMS Archivist and Clerk of Council

Regrets:

Mr. Jude Crasta, Vice President External
Ms. Veronica Knott, Councillor
Ms. Angela Tien, Councillor
Mr. Liam Orme, Student-at-Large
Ms. Ananya Sengupta, Student-at-Large

These minutes were recorded by Mr. Israel and Ms. So.

Although quorum was not yet met, the meeting was **called to order** at 11:12 AM.

An amendment to the agenda was proposed to strike Item 3: Fees in Code.

A motion to adopt the agenda as amended was moved by Mr. Reid and seconded by Mr. Lam.
The motion was **carried** with unanimous consent.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

As quorum had not been met, the Committee was unable to approve the previous meeting's minutes. The Committee unanimously agreed to nevertheless proceed to the subsequent agenda items.

3. Other Bylaw Changes

The Committee expressed approval with Dr. Goldfarb's drafted changes to the Constitution, consisting of moving a portion to the Bylaws, and striking a clause that purports to make certain sections inalterable.

(At 11:17AM, Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah arrived, and quorum was met.)

2 (cont'd). Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

A motion to approve the proposed minutes of the last two meetings of the Committee was moved by Mr. Dakilah and seconded by Mr. Reid.

The motion was **carried** with unanimous consent.

3 (cont'd). Other Bylaw Changes

The Committee approved of multiple proposed changes to the Bylaws, including:

- Changing mention of the *Society Act* to the *Societies Act*
- Changing special resolutions to require on 2/3ds instead of 3/4s as allowed by the new *Societies Act*
- Removing mention of "clear days", instead simply stating "days"
- Stating a minimum age requirement of 16 to sit on Council (as otherwise the new *Societies Act* will prescribe a minimum age of 18)
- Removing the (defunct) mention of "associations"

The Committee discussed whether BoG and Senate reps should be able to send proxies to Council (they currently cannot). Dr. Goldfarb explained that the purpose for allowing proxies was to protect constituencies; even if their representative was unavailable, they would still have a voice on Council. This reasoning does not carry over to BoG or Senate, as we are not as concerned with preserving their voices. The Committee agreed with this, and decided not to alter the status quo.

(At 11:48AM, Ms. So left, and quorum was lost.)

The Committee discussed whether the SAC provisions should remain enshrined in the Bylaws, or whether they should be moved to Code. Dr. Goldfarb provided that the SAC provisions were in the Bylaws before Council even existed. The Committee decided that this would require lengthy discussion and consultation, and it would not be feasible to amend these provisions in the current election cycle.

(At 11:59AM, Mr. Pea arrived and replaced Mr. Lam who stayed for the remainder.)

The Committee approved Dr. Goldfarb's draft amendments making the time at which BoG and Senate representatives take their seats on Council more sensible.

The Committee then discussed some of the fees mentioned in Bylaws, and whether some like the Constituency Aid Fund should be in the Bylaws (this fund is rarely ever used). Mr. Miadlikowski agreed to contact Mr. Israel regarding the desired outcome of the mentioned fees and funds in the Bylaws, to be included in the ultimate e-mail vote to approve draft Bylaw changes for referendum.

Mr. Israel agreed to liaise with Mr. Miadlikowski and Dr. Goldfarb to have the final Bylaws and Constitution amendments drafted and sent to the Committee for e-mail voting, to be then sent to Council and run as a referendum.

5. Adjournment

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting was **adjourned** at 12:20PM.

Email Vote of the Legislative Procedures Committee**Motions:**

- 1) BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee directs Dr. Goldfarb to send the attached documents "AMS Bylaws non-controversial revisions.doc" and "AMS Constitution non-controversial revisions.doc" to the Agenda Committee and the Administrative Assistant for inclusion on the 10 February 2016 Council Meeting with LPC's recommendation that Council both holds a referendum to amend the Bylaws and Constitution accordingly, and endorses the amendment position.

- 2) BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee directs Dr. Goldfarb to send the attached document "AMS Bylaws referendum rules revision.doc" to the Agenda Committee and the Administrative Assistant for inclusion on the 10 February 2016 Council Meeting with LPC's recommendation that Council both holds a referendum to amend the Bylaws accordingly, and endorses the amendment position.

Voting Period: Wednesday, 3 February 2016, 11:15 AM PST
to
Friday, 5 February 2016, 11:15 AM PST

Eligible Voting Members:

Mr. Benjamin Israel, Chair
Ms. Samantha So, Vice-Chair
Mr. Jude Crasta, Vice President External
Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Vice President Finance
Ms. Veronica Knott, Councillor
Ms. Angela Tien, Councillor
Mr. Tommy Reid, Councillor
Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Councillor
Mr. Liam Orme, Student-at-Large
Ms. Ananya Sengupta, Student-at-Large
Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Student-at-Large

Results:

1)

YEA (7): Ms. Samantha So, Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Ms. Angela Tien, Mr. Tommy Reid, Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Ms. Ananya Sengupta.

NAY (0):

ABSTENTION (0):

The motion was **carried** unanimously at 11:15 AM PST, Friday, 5 February 2016.

2)

YEA (7): Ms. Samantha So, Mr. Mateusz Miadlikowski, Mr. Jeffrey Pea, Ms. Angela Tien, Mr. Tommy Reid, Mr. Ibraheem Dakilah, Ms. Ananya Sengupta.

NAY (0):

ABSTENTION (0):

The motion was **carried** unanimously at 11:15 AM PST, Friday, 5 February 2016.

No voting members requested additional discussion on either motion as per Section V, Article 1(14)(d) of the AMS Code of Procedure.