This is my last LPC report. I've enjoyed my time as chair immensely, and I'd like to thank everyone on LPC for making this such a fun job. Sheldon Goldfarb, David Hannigan, Joanne Pickford and many other AMS staff also deserve a great deal of credit for their help.

Best,

Kyle

Completed Tasks

Rules for Electronic Meetings: Current practice was codified: calling in to committee meetings is acceptable if a given committee decides to allow it, but it isn't allowed at council meetings. This seemed to achieve the best balance of allowing participation, but respecting logistical limitations. When the AMS moves into the new SUB, it may be worth re-examining the prohibition on phoning into council meetings, as the new council chambers may be able to accommodate this.

Internal Policy on Joining External Organizations: An internal policy was adopted, stating that any increases in spending on an external organization require a two-thirds vote, but any decreases in spending require a simple majority vote.

ECSS Compensation Rate: LPC worked with Budget Committee to update the compensation rate for the Executive Coordinator of Student Services position. The number of weekly hours has been reduced to 30, while the hourly rate has gone up, and the health bonus has been removed.

Business Governance Review (LPC Portion): Council adopted an LPC recommendation to create an Extraordinary Committee for the Reorganization of Business Operations. This committee will work with the executive to determine future plans for largely separating AMS businesses from AMS student government.

Contracts not Going to SAC Information Purposes: Contracts no longer need to be sent to SAC for information purposes. People involved in this process agreed that SAC never read these contracts, and that adequate records of them are already kept in the Archives.

Expulsion from the SUB Policy (LPC Portion): Legal advice recommended that LPC and SAC both make certain changes regarding procedures around expulsion from the SUB. LPC has now made its recommendation to council, which will be heard on the March 6 meeting.

Ombudsperson Fee and Fee Clarifications: LPC has recommended that council formally codify the creation of an Ombudsperson Fee, as was strongly supported by students in the January referendum. This code change also clarifies the manner in which CPI based fee adjustments will occur.

Society Act Review Working Group: LPC members were involved in this working group. This working group has yielded a recommendation that the President and VP External will sign off on and send to the provincial government.
On-Going Tasks

AMS Elections Reforms: LPC has approved, in principle, having the Archivist-Researcher, Events Manager, and Communications Manager attend elections committee meetings in a non-voting capacity, to aid with continuity, but this policy has been postponed, due to details around implementation. LPC is also investigating other possible improvements to elections code.

AMS Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy: LPC has approved in principle recommendations from the AMS Director of Operations to update this policy. Specific details are still being discussed at LPC.

Representation for DAP Students + Affiliated Colleges: LPC recommends that DAP be given a voting seat on council if it makes decides to form an AMS constituency. LPC also supported the idea of giving voting seats to Regent, VST, and St. Mark's College during the next AMS referendum. AMS Sponsorship Policy: Review of this policy has been refered to BAFCOM and is currently on hold, until the Director of Services position is hired.

Administration of SAIF and SASSF: Various groups have made suggestions to LPC, suggesting that different groups should be in charge of administering these funds. LPC is reviewing these comments.

Councillors Sitting on Committees: Council has directed LPC to solve the arithmetic problem that is posed by requiring councillors to sit on committees, when there are an insufficient number of seats on standing committees.

Changing Composition of Oversight Committee: LPC has been considering possible changes to the Oversight Committee, which would potentially see non-committee chairs join this body.

Elections Reserve Fund: LPC has explored the possibility of allocating set amounts each year for spending on federal, provincial, and municipal election campaigns. Discussions on this have also occurred at Budget Committee, and the VP External has been asked to find information on previous AMS spending on these campaigns, in order to establish a logical baseline.

Guideline on Creating External/University Policies: This guideline is primarily under the umbrella of un-e-corn, but LPC does have some role in reviewing it.

Job Description Changes for New SUB Coordinators: Last year the New SUB Coordinator was split into two positions. These revised job descriptions did not go through LPC as code states they should, and LPC may want to review these position descriptions this year.