AMS Legislative Procedures Committee

Report of June 2013

Business

- Bylaw changes due to referendum: After the bylaw changes that occurred in January, there were some inconsistencies between the new bylaws and code, so these were rectified and brought to Council on May 15th.

- Position changes and extensions: LPC has dealt with a couple changes to positions and contract extensions for student government employees.

- We have been looking into problems with the current bylaws and changes we may want to make for a possible SGM or referendum in the fall. There are many, and we have been going through them slowly, but we will continue to work on them throughout the summer. If a referendum or SGM does not happen, we will still have drafts of changes for the future, so that a future LPC will not have to work so hard when there is a referendum.

- There has been a long, on-going discussion about the issue of wage-tiers, which were established by a motion of Council in April, 2011, but were never put in code. By putting them in code the tiers and their descriptions will be more accessible for everyone who has to use them. It also came up who exactly will be covered by these tiers, and it was decided that all employees reporting to an Executive, Council or Committee of Council shall be considered student government appointees, as well as anyone reporting to another appointee, and that they shall all be covered by the tiers. The tiers are: Tier 1: $10.50 an hour for entry level positions; Tier 2: $11.25 an hour for supervisory positions; Tier 3: $12.25 an hour for positions requiring specialized or technical skills.

- Upcoming Business: Code changes for Policy Guidelines, changes to the Discrimination and Harassment Policy, Constituency Aid Fund, Election Reserve Fund, University and External Lobbying Fund, continuing work on bylaw changes.

Goals

- Have bylaw changes ready for a possible referendum or SGM in the fall.

- Bring forward a new Discrimination and Harassment Policy with the help of the Equity Commissioner.
• Meeting with the Resource Groups as a first step in evaluating and potentially changing the code to do with the Resource Groups.

Motions to Council on June 12

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2013: First Week’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

It was noticed that FirstWeek was listed as a student service, when in practice it is now run by the events department as an event. This code change will simply remove FirstWeek from a list of student services.

2. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2013: Appointees and Tiers’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

See Above (bullet 4 under Business)

3. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2013: Election Bonuses’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

In practice, members of the elections committee are given additional bonuses if there is a by-election or a referendum question outside of the normal January voting period, or if they are called on to help with a constituency election or referendum. This code change is simply putting this practice into code under the section to do with employment and remuneration.

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