Minutes of the AMS Governance Committee  
June 6, 2pm – NEW SUB 3511

Present:

Present: Mackenzie Lockhart (Chair), Jakob Gattinger (Councillor), Cameron England (Councillor), Chris Hakim (Councillor), Pooja Bhatti (Executive), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk), Alan Ehrenholz (AMS President), Max Holmes (Elections Admin)

Regrets: Kelvin Hsu (Member at Large), Jeanie Malone (Councillor)

Recording Secretary: Pooja Bhatti

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm

Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Chris Seconded: Cameron

That the agenda be adopted.

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2. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Cameron Seconded: Chris

That minutes from the May 25th meeting be approved and sent to Council.

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3. Internal Policy on Petition Privacy

Moved: Pooja Seconded: Cameron

That the Petition Privacy Policy be recommended to Council for adoption.

Be it further resolved that the code change titled “Code changes 2017 referendum petitions” also be recommended to Council.
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Mac:

- have no minutes to understand why things were important

Sheldon:

- broadening - whatever sort of petition it is - i.e.: someone took a photo of a petition and showed it on their Facebook site - we have to stop that, and there are other sorts of things like that; make sure that people do their best to keep all those things secure and private

- should put this in in the regulation requirements of code

Jakob:

- why are we going to allow petitions at all - huge risk

Mac:

- not a bad thing to look into, save a lot of paper

- something for another governance committee to look into

Sheldon:

- policy doesn’t require paper

Sheldon:

- change effective date - June 28th

- Approval date - June 28th

4. Reintegrating Code on Constituency Spending Reporting

Mac:

on the recommendation from the ad hoc committee

constituency overspending was the reason it was there

there used to be a piece in code regarding that a certain amount be approved by fin comm, and recommended to bring it back in
some pushback at the council meeting - thought it was unreasonable, take a lot of time for budget committee to approve these

but council that we should draft these up

Alan:

if the club is going to incur a deficit

Mac:

committee continued to refer as a deficit, but what was meant was a expenditure

Alan: is this a line item?

informed Alim this was coming back

Jakob:

best to keep it over $1000

Motion: Jakob - to remove ‘7.’ from the proposal seconded by pooja - strike ‘7’

unanimous consent

Alan:

don’t know that many clubs that would have that much of a deficit - maybe consider them differently?

Jakob:

- purpose - to protect the AMS from what they can’t absorb
- $1000 is fine - worry about the deficit that will affect the society
- deficit on proposed budget
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- The point is that you’re saying - later in the year when there isn’t the ability to adjust the budget, there is a problem - better to leave it vague, people take up a more broad interpretation - even if you can’t cover it - something that the AMS should know about

- Mac:

- no one knows what the definition is in this case

- okay with the credit card bit? $5000 would be per purchase

- budget committee is making a policy, it might conflict?

- Alan - based on the overall budget for the year, determine by a financial team

- Chris - should specify that so we don’t have to always go to Keith

- Mac: word change - ‘projected deficit for the year’ ...of over $1000

Moved: Mac Seconded: Chris

BIRT that the code change entitled “Code Changes 2017 - Club and constituency deficits” be recommended to council as amended

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5. Presidents Council

Mac:

changing how council meetings work

add in a report from presidents council - 2 minute update

Code changes on President’s Council

Composed of:

*president of the society*

- Powers and duties; went in line with AMS Constituencies - facilitate discussion, facilitate cooperation, be form in which constituencies update each other, etc (in the code)

Alan:
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executive committee of the society - may be too many people
but if it’s non voting, it wouldn’t be too bad

Chris:

playing an ‘advisory’ role - instead of whole committee coming in, little bit redundant - maybe just one person apart form the society’s president
non voting, one other executive member designated by the executive committee ? Same problem because you’d need to vote them

_one other executive as designated by the executive committee, who shall be non voting_
_the Society’s Communications manager, who shall be non voting_

Chris - why does it need to be approved by council?

Mac - good for record, to look back, and councillors will be aware

Powers and Duties;

- any time we want to consult constituencies
- recommendations to the council
- pretty vague what the report suggestions in making it more regular - it was to replace the slower communication channels in the AMS
- from Alan -
  - updates
  - new department club formation
  - inform of starting/ongoing negotiations
  - inform of potential referendums that will be run
  - coordinating multi constituency campaigns
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- advise on yearly constituency executive orientation
- oversee and suggest edits to the constituency executive handbook
- collect and send to council the reporting metrics
- oversee, train, and advise the first year committee

Presidents council deciding on details for the first year committee

Sent to president’s council anyway

Committee Handbook - written by Admin, but edited and such by the Council

(b) ... including by not limited to departmental clubs, negotiations and advocacy within the university, and potential constituency referendum campaigns

(d) advise on yearly constituency executive orientation

(e) oversee and suggest edits to the constancy executive handbook

(f) collect and review reporting metrics from the constituencies

Other things: Media Policy - to send to Operations Committee?

Sheldon – will update with new wording and bring to next committee meeting.

6. Non-Voting Members of Council

Moved: Pooja                      Seconded: Chris

That the code change titled “Code changes 2017 non-voting members” be recommended to Council for adoption.

things to strike out - a rep from the Alumni Association

Adding: student services manager, UBC Vancouver student beers of the board of governors, and two students elected by and from the student members of the UBC Vancouver Senate
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Next Meeting

Next Meeting: TBD but in about 2 weeks.

Adjourn

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:23 PM.