



THE AMS OF UBC VANCOUVER

Agenda of the AMS Operations Committee
Feb 2nd, 2018

Attendance

Present: Jeanie, Scott, Julian, Brad, Pooja, Chris

Regrets: Bryan

Recording Secretary: Jeanie

Location: Pit

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:39pm.

Approval of the agenda

Moved Julian: , Seconded Scott:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented”

...MOTION PASSES

Note that this meeting took place without public notice requirements outlined in the AMS Code of Procedures Section 5, article 1, paragraph 4, as has been practiced for the 2017-2018 year.

Agenda Items

1. Departmental Clubs Continued
 - a. President Council Re-cap

[Pooja]: Presented proposal at President’s Council. Credits to Bryan for writing much of it. They took it very well, VP Admin/Internals seem to be up for it (at least from AUS). Concerns: accountability. Never mentioned freezing accounts as per our discussion last time, but Alan did suggest that.

[Julian]: Did Alan suggest in Pres. Council?

[Pooja]: After. Alan wanted to know what we could do keep constituencies accountable. He thought it was within our realm of options. Next steps - ops comm will figure out guidelines,

proposal, etc.

Also talked to Filza about having dept clubs use Simply Voting - they need their constituency's EA to contact Filza to get access (easier than having every club individually do that).

Do we see ourselves proposing a code change?

[Scott]: Constituency issue, not clubs... so code not clubs handbook.

[Pooja]: Clubs handbook does have section on constituencies... just not sure if enough weight to it. It is easier to change.

[Jeanie]: Pooja - bring the code relevant to constituencies next week and we can discuss this further moving on from then.

[Pooja]: Is it necessary to consult with clubs of each constituency? Not sure if constituencies will explain/consult.

[Jeanie]: Would be helpful?

[Brad]: Definitely need to have a discussion after changes. Not sure if needed before.

[Scott]: Would like to see a one pager on how this is working sent to them all.

[Julian]: Would you need to go to each club?

[Pooja]: Would go to their councils.

[Chris]: Could ask constituencies to do this for you if enough time?

[Jeanie]: Optics are better if it comes from you, but if you don't have time I think we could work around that.

[Pooja]: Will then happen the week after reading break - need to get into their schedules.

[Pooja]: The proposal also lists a bunch of obligations for opscomm. Elections timeline - what was our consensus? Are we mandating March/Sept timeline, or are we just working around it?

[Julian]: Maybe consultation would make more sense?

[Jeanie]: Just let them indicate which timeline they are on? March or Sept.

[Pooja]: Need to then get that list off of constituencies.

[Jeanie]: Also worth noting that some clubs may want to partially submit election results

(ie. some elect half in March). I think as long as those clubs are labelled as “Sept” when they finish all their elections.

[Pooja]: Excited to get this process ironed out before we have all our other constituencies adding dept clubs!

[Chris]: Will we need to vet these new clubs?

[Brad]: C&S would - if they are intended to be AMS clubs?

[Pooja]: So next steps?

[Chris]: look through code, set up guidelines, consult clubs, make sure everything is proper and in order before we roll out.

[Pooja]: Okay - I will take this away and bring it back once I am ready. May ask Chris for help re: code in his role as governance chair.

2. De-constitution & Constitution process

[Pooja]: Context! All clubs docs is due at end of March. When turnover happened in May, hundreds of clubs hadn't submitted documentation. Additionally, transition to clubhouse was not complete for all clubs. Over summer - tried to track down all paperwork.

Immediately deconstituted any clubs that had no clubhouse account, or had no activity (financials) for many years.

End of Aug: clubs that were still missing paperwork were given an opportunity to hand in paperwork one last time and come to an appeals meeting to explain why/provide a solution for how they will avoid this in the future.

Essentially gave everyone 5 months to provide paperwork etc. Once not met, deconstituted.

The Constitution process, we went through - OpsComm saw the spreadsheet. It has a quiz on the clubs manual (understanding of what a club is), and looks for which clubs does it kind of overlap with, whether they have tried collaborating with these clubs, etc. Then, C&S reviews all of this and generally focussed on justification for whether this club needs to exist (does it get done in another club, exist in a constituency portfolio, is it already an AMS service). We also avoid approving clubs that would be hard to implement - is there a lot of liability involved for example.

Any club that has been deconstituted and is applying for reconstituted, it is treated as a brand new club application. So if a club was deconstituted and applies for reconstitution but the need

has been fulfilled with other clubs in the meantime, it will not be constituted.

Then, Ops comm reviews it. Then after that, it goes to council.

Appeal - Young Liberals club. Got deconstituted for not submitting paperwork, but fixed that. We heard them out (minutes were approved by Ops and Council).

As a result of this process - we aren't accepting a lot of new clubs. Constituencies are taking on committees and taking on initiatives filling many of the gaps on campus. We encourage collaboration rather than silo-ing into a million and one clubs that are trying to serve the same purpose.

We are currently in the process of overiewing the process.

[Scott]: For old clubs that get deconstituted - maybe they have a shaky exec one year - do we provide them any special treatment? Historical clubs have more assets, resources...

[Pooja]: Few "historical" clubs mess up in that way. If it's clear something is up, we try to help as we would for any club, but we were pretty lenient giving people 5 months of paperwork. We are trying to set up expectations that they are responsible to the AMS.

[Chris]: I think the YL issue of transition is a big issue for many clubs. Not sure how to tackle it though. Wouldn't want my club to be deconstituted because outgoing team just leaves...

[Pooja]: True, but that is an expectation of clubs. We do offer to help and won't punish clubs if they do come ask us for help... but at a certain point we need them to come ask. This is why we have club orientation (before the deadline).

[Julian]: And there's a warning system...

[Pooja]: Yep. They get tons of warnings. We gave lots of chances.

[Pooja]: Also worth noting some of the structures of this system are up to the new VP Admin and their staff to decide. Leniency can be a spectrum, and this year I have strived for consistency and I hope we continue to have that next year.

[Jeanie]: Thank you for clarification - very useful.

[Chris]: Aside from being inactive/not submitting docs, are there other reasons for being deconstituted?

[Pooja]: Clubs manual has more... damage to property, having no money/never using their account, minimum number of members, some other reasons. Generally - if you disrespect the AMS and the systems we have for support.

[Chris]: Number of member minimum?

[Pooja]: Ten.

[Chris]: Seems low? Could abuse system by just having ten members and flying under the radar.

[Pooja]: One of the reasons we make it hard to get constituted!

[Pooja]: Results on new applications are coming in a few weeks! We will bring it to committee end of Feb/early March. There will be justifications for Yes and Nos.

3. The Light over the second booth in the Pit

Appears to no longer be flickering!

[Scott]: I watched it the **whole** time and it hasn't flickered.

4. SLC MoU

[Pooja]: Under progress - working with Alan and SLC. Once it is reasonably solidified it will come to OpsComm.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Pooja brings back relevant sections of code so we can examine whether we will need to make code changes.
- Pooja goes to councils to get dept club feedback on proposal

Committee Motions

Moved: Chris , Seconded: Pooja

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Operations Committee approve the following meeting minutes:

January 26th, 2018

Motion passes.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is next Friday, 3:30pm.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

