



## THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF UBC VANCOUVER

### AMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

October 16, 2018 – 2:30PM, Room #3511

#### Members

Present: Christopher Hakim (Chair), Katherine West (Vice-Chair, Member-at-large), Dylan Braam (Councillor), Jerome Goddard (Councillor), Cole Evans (Councillor), Nicholas Harterre (Member-at-large)

Absent: Jeanie Malone (Councillor)

#### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 2:33 pm

#### Approval of the Agenda

- BIRT the agenda be adopted.

#### Approval of the Minutes

- BIRT the meeting minutes from the October 9, 2018 Operations Committee meeting be approved and sent to Council.

#### Updates from the VP Administration

- Chris gives his lovely updates on things he's been up to.
- New clubs things. So many apps. takes time.
- Backlog of group approvals on clubhouse cleared up!
- Clubs day booked Jan 15-18, info sent out for registration

#### Discussion: Clubs investigative procedures

[Chris]: Motion to go in camera 2:36PM

Motion to stay in camera

Nick Chris Dylan 2:52pm

Motion 1:

BIRT the Operations Committee amend the Operations Committee Policy Manual, AMS Clubs Policy to add Section Q 'Investigations' to state "1. All internal AMS clubs shall not have investigative procedures pertaining to harassment and sexual violence \n 2. All investigations pertaining to bullying, harassment, and sexual violence relating to AMS Clubs shall be referred to the AMS Ombuds Office."

Be it further resolved that this memo include a reminder to clubs that the AMS Sexual Assault Support Centre can provide support for survivors and any others impacted by sexual violence on campus, with an additional caveat that this support will not include legal advice for clubs.

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[Dylan]: do we have a prohibition on investigative procedures?

[Dylan]: motion 1 needs to be a policy amendment, not just a nebulous “Ban”. It doesn’t count unless it’s written somewhere. Maybe ops comm

[Dylan]: Motion 2 no longer has problems. 2 and 3 work with 4, we just need to pass a policy and then tell them about it. Thank god for delegative authority, we don’t have to go through council. Add a new section to ops comm policy on clubs?

[Everybody]: yes

[Dylan]: \*rewrites motions to be changes to ops comm policy\*

What is our procedure regarding the operations of the ombudsperson? Do they know this is their responsibility, and do they have a defined procedure for handling cases of this nature? Believe we are going to define more clearly for how employees should be talking to the ombuds, this is a discussion from HR comm about how this should happen.

[Dylan]: some of this is up to this discretion of the the ombudsperson, how detailed they want to be with every complaint/question they receive.

[Chris]: Is everybody good with this? Oh no, I hate it when Dylan is happy.

Vote on motion: unanimously approved.

### **Discussion: Clubs Sexual Violence and Consent Certification System**

- Discussion on the idea that every club member must take an online sexual violence and consent workshop before joining a club.

[Chris]: had a small discussion on this. Worry that we don’t want people to stop taking this seriously because it is now a requirement (the more you talk about something the less people think it’s a thing. love humans). Missing out on general club members when we only train club executives.

[Dylan]: almost every AMS member is a member of a club. Why don’t we just make this a precondition to being an AMS member?

[Chris]: convo to be had with university, this has been done by other universities.

[Dylan]: our responsibilities to AMS members is more than people who are members of clubs (subsidiary organizations of the AMS). Also, sexual assault training might be a depressing way to start university.

[Chris]: could be more general “here’s how to not be a terrible human being”.

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[Dylan]: Feels like more of a university thing than our thing. I think there is more potential to do harm than good with this.

[Chris]: I'll talk to Max some more about this.

### **Discussion: Policy I-7:B**

- Discussion and work on the internal policy that will outline procedures for expelling and suspending AMS members from clubs

[Chris]: Ok we have reviewed up to D 2.

### **Adjournment**

- The next meeting will be held on October 23, 2018.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:34PM.