

AMS Governance Committee

Agenda for October 1, 2018

Governance Committee Membership:

Present: Dylan Braam (Chair, Councillor), Christopher Hakim (AMS VP Administration), Jeanie Malone (Councillor, called in), Jennifer Ling (Councillor, called in), Kate Burnham (Councillor), Melody Cheung (Member-at-Large), Hannah Xiao (Councillor, called in at 2:36 PM)

Regrets: None.

Staff Support: Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist and Clerk of Council)

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda

Motion 1

WHEREAS the Governance Committee is ready to start its winter session,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee approve the Agenda for the meeting of October 1, 2018.

Moved by Dylan Braam, seconded by Chris Hakim.

Unanimous consent.

Introductions of Members (Discussion)

- we introduced ourselves.

Approval of Past Minutes (Motion)

Motion 2

WHEREAS we were lacking a quorum at our previous meeting,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2018 and August 23, 2018.

Moved by Dylan Braam, seconded by Melody Cheung.

Unanimous consent.

Executive Update (Presentation)

By Christopher Hakim, VP Administration

- Will come back with things on Policy I-9.

Election of the Vice-Chair (Motion/Election)

Motion 3

WHEREAS Dylan should watch his back,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chris Hakim be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Moved by Dylan Braam, seconded by Melody Cheung.

- rock paper scissors, one round
- chris wins, after an intense battle between rock and scissors.

Review of Committee Goals (Discussion)

We will discuss the goals adopted in the summer session and determine a plan for achieving them going forward.

- Dylan:
 - We are still planning on reviewing the whole Code of Procedures and Bylaws.
 - We can likely do this if we split up sections between members.
 - I'd like to review bylaws first, because they're more important and take more time in terms of amending.
 - We also need to do a full review of all internal policies.
 - For some reason, if a policy does not explicitly state a responsible committee, it just defaults to Governance Committee.
- Sheldon:
 - We should format things properly, because in the old days we just made internal policies and didn't assign a committee.
- Jeanie:
 - Are we reviewing external policies as well?
- Dylan:
 - We are not, but we can look into the possibility.

- Sheldon:
 - The person responsible for maintaining the external policies is the Policy Advisor.
- Dylan:
 - I feel like this it's more Advocacy Committee's wheelhouse.
 - This committee is more responsible for the internal operations of the AMS.
- Jeanie:
 - We could tell the Advocacy Committee to be responsible for the review of external policies.
- Dylan:
 - We also need to review the responsibilities of service managers.
 - Dual membership students are a problem and we need to fix it so people stop paying so much cash money.
 - Constituency elections review was supposed to be done by the end of the summer, but we failed!
 - We're gonna review it right now.

Constituency Elections (Motion)

Motion 4

WHEREAS we wish to ensure that the elections of the AMS and its constituencies are free and fair,

Be it resolved that the Committee approve the changes to AMS Code as seen in Appendix A: Code Changes – Elections.

- Dylan:
 - The last Elections Administrator gave us a list a of recommendations regarding changes for constituency elections.
 - Some were reasonable, some not.
 - The recommendation about mandating constituencies to have a certain election period didn't go well.
 - CUS has a weird hiring timeline, so it wouldn't fit well with them.
 - We also stopped calling constituencies subsidiaries now, because it's rude.
- Sheldon:
 - No no no, it's because subsidiaries also refers to clubs as well.
- Chris:
 - We are giving the Elections Administrator more work when their hours don't match the current JD hours.
 - We should be matching the JD hours with this code change.
- Dylan:
 - This is an issue, and we should be changing the JD hours.
 - However, the EA is currently doing a lot of these tasks.

- Chris:
 - They're doing these things because it's convenient, but now we are making these tasks necessary.
 - We are making them required to do more work and it's not going to match their hours.
- Dylan:
 - I will try to coordinate with HR Committee.
- Jeanie:
 - I can't hear really well but I have added comments on the proposed code change!
- Dylan:
 - We can refer this to the next Governance Committee.

Policy I-1 (Motion)

Motion 5

WHEREAS the only the only thing more meta that this committee could do is to establish a subcommittee on subcommittees,

Commented [1]: the ams is now meta gaming

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee approve the changes to Policy I-1: Policy on Policies as seen in Appendix B: Policy I-1.

- Dylan:
 - We've gotten a lot more prescriptive with these changes.
- Jeanie:
 - Are we committing to the italicized defined terms? I note it has occurred in this document
- Dylan:
 - We can italicize terms, but now we're not making it required.
- Chris:
 - This is the biggest non-problem I've ever seen.
- Dylan:
 - Now, onto consultation!
 - Consultation should be receiving a response from an individual or group, not attempting to receiving a response.
 - We'll take this to an email vote.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 3:35PM.