



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF UBC VANCOUVER

AMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

January 8, 2019 – 5PM, Room #3511

Members

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

Regrets: Katherine West (Vice-Chair, Member-at-large), Jerome Goddard (Councillor)

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm

Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved (Chris, Nick)

Approval of the Minutes

- The meeting minutes from the November 27, 2018 Operations Committee meeting was approved and sent to Council (Chris, Nick).

Updates from the VP Administration

- [Chris]:
 - Currently working on Clubs Days.
 - Decided to work hard on the Operations Committee Policy Manual over the holidays.
 - Have been rewriting completely to avoid the find and replace issues.
 - Some discussion topics:
 - Differentiation between Clubs + Society Working Group and Ops roles/responsibilities
 - Sustainability section could be added to the manual?
 - Did not send out the policy on suspensions and expulsions from AMS Clubs for consultation as the Ombudsperson raised concerns with model.
- The Operations Committee went incamera at 5:17pm (Chris, Cole, Nick).
- The Operations Committee went excamera at 5:33pm (Jeanie, Chris, Dylan).

Discussion: Policy on Suspensions and Expulsions from AMS Clubs

- [Chris]:
 - The Ombudsperson believes we need the respondent and complainant to be able to present to the Operations Committee.
 - More adversarial way of a process.
 - Ours is more of an investigation and less of a trial?
- [Dylan]:

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- We are not a court.
- [Jeanie]:
 - Concerned about the burden that places on the Operations Committee to effectively run trials.
- [Chris]:
 - Should appeals be made at the same body the decision is made at?
- [Dylan]:
 - Only other place is council.
 - Operations Committee has annual (or more) turnover... probably it.
- [Jeanie]:
 - C&S could do the preliminary decision and Operations Committee the appeal?
- [Chris]:
 - I don't think they should handle these cases.
- [Dylan]:
 - We need to be clear.
 - The appeals are not about an error in judgement or process.
 - Clemency is maybe a better word - the key is the new evidence.
- [Jeanie]:
 - Request for reconsideration is good.
- [Cole]:
 - Should there be a minimum amount of time served before the request for reconsideration?
- [Nick]:
 - A year for permanent and some percentage?
- [Dylan]:
 - Add a maximum number of requests. Once per year? Once per semester? Don't want weekly reviews of the same thing.
- [Chris]:
 - Will send to lawyers, and then consultation.

Discussion: Operations Committee Policy Manual

- [Chris]:
 - New clubs - we give them a 6-month probation and then give a progress letter 6-month into their term showing they are alive.
 - We never do this? Should we keep it?
- [Jeanie]:
 - No, if it is too many resources and we don't do it, let's cut.
- [Chris]:
 - Club status.

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- Getting claustrophobic with lack of everything (resources).
- Good/bad/new statuses - this helps us allocate offices, loans/fund grants etc.
- [Cole]:
 - Is there other words than good/bad standing?
- [Chris]:
 - C&S v. Operations Committee roles - thoughts?
- [Jeanie]:
 - In my mind they should not be doing any adjudication of high level decisions, but most of the administrative work.
 - Their main role is to review club applications, etc.
- [Chris]:
 - Concern with clubs that miss renewal forms.
 - Technically these should be deconstituted.
 - I don't know if we want to host all of these meetings back to back to back.
- [Jeanie]:
 - That's a recommendation though – Operations Committee makes the final decision.
 - We changed our mind on a number of the recommendations for club constitution this fall - it is still an active decision and debate by this committee.

Adjournment

- The next meeting will be held on January 15, 2019.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.