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

Discussion: Policy on Suspensions and Expulsions from AMS Clubs

● [Chris]:
  o The Ombudsperson believes we need the respondent and complainant to be able to present to the Operations Committee.
  o More adversarial way of a process.
  o 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.