

AMS Governance Committee

Agenda for January 25, 2019

Governance Committee Membership: Dylan Braam (Chair, Councillor), Christopher Hakim (AMS VP Administration), Jeanie Malone (Councillor), Hannah Xiao (Councillor), Jennifer Ling (Councillor), Kate Burnham (Councillor), Melody Cheung (Member-at-Large)

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

Attendance: Chris Hakim, Kate Burnham, Dylan Braam

Regrets: Jeanie Malone, Hannah Xian, Jennifer Ling, Melody Cheung, Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

- This meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda

Motion 1

WHEREAS By-Laws, By-Laws, By-Laws

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee approve the Agenda for the meeting of January 25, 2019.

Moved by Dylan Braam, seconded by Kate Burnham.

The Agenda was approved (non-quorate).

Approval of Past Minutes (Motion)

Motion 2

WHEREAS 2018 we met last week and didn't approve past minutes while creating more of them

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee approve the Minutes of the meetings of November 27, 2018 and January 17, 2019.

Moved by Dylan Braam, seconded by _____.

The meeting was unanimously approved to continue without approving the Minutes (Dylan, Kate).

Governance Review – By-Laws (Discussion)

Please see the [by-laws discussion document](#) in the [Governance Review folder](#).

- Dylan:
 - Bylaw 2(1)(a)(ii), we have to change March to November because that doesn't actually follow the timeline
- Chris:
 - What if classes end December 1 instead of November 30?
- Kate:
 - You're likely still gonna finish classes if it ends December 1.
- Dylan:
 - Bylaw 2(3)(a), should we add 'Code and Policies'?
- Chris:
 - Does Bylaws even recognise the existence of policies?
- Dylan:
 - No.
 - Bylaw 3(2)(a)(i), should we include the Agenda of AGM as being required to be posted 14 days in advance of the AGM?
- Chris:
 - I don't think we should be restricting the release of the agenda.
 - We should be having a lot more flexibility.
- Dylan:
 - Bylaw 3(2)(a)(ii), we should delete this.
 - What happens when the Ubysey says no?
- Kate:

- But you can post it to other campus publications.
- Dylan:
 - What happens when literally no other campus publication exist?
- Chris:
 - Does my UBC blog for my arts studies course in first year count as a campus publication?
- Dylan:
 - Bylaw 3(4)(a), do we want to lower our quorate AGM?
 - Make 500 active member the threshold instead of 1%.
- Chris:
 - Is 500 members representative of the Society instead of 1%?
- Dylan:
 - 557 (1%) isn't very different than 500.
 - Bylaw (4)(2), do we wanna change the requirements for referendums?
- Chris:
 - Do we want referendums to also be legally allowed?
- Dylan:
 - I will draft something for this.
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Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm.