

AMS Governance Committee

Minutes for the meeting of January 29, 2019

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)

Members Present: Dylan Braam, Kate Burnham, Sheldon Goldfarb

Guests Present: Katherine Westerlund, Cole Evans

Regrets: Christopher Hakim, Jeanie Malone, Hannah Xiao, Jennifer Ling, Melody Cheung

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm. Due to the meeting room being occupied the meeting occurred in the AMS bullpen. Guest noted as present were those who contributed directly to the discussion.

Territorial Acknowledgement

The meeting was started informally and as such a territorial acknowledgement did not occur until 4:30 pm. The Chair would like to apologize for this omission.

Approval of Agenda

Motion 1

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee approve the Agenda for the meeting of January 29, 2019.

Moved by Dylan Braam, seconded by Kate.

Motion carries unanimously (non-quorate).

Approval of Past Minutes (Motion)

Motion 2

WHEREAS we had not quorum to approve minutes at our previous two meetings

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee approve the Minutes of the meetings of November 27, 2018, January 17, 2019, and January 25, 2019.

Moved by Dylan Braam, seconded by Kate.

Motion tabled until such time as a quorum is present.

Unanimous consent was given to proceed without approving past minutes.

Governance Review — By-Laws (Discussion)

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

[Sheldon] There are missing paragraphs in the document regarding funds. However, they are in the paper version of the By-Laws and the PDF version online so it is not an issue.

[Dylan] It might be useful in the future to create a By-Law 24 that sets out a list of passed referenda. Or, in the By-Law on referenda a section could be added stating that all successful referenda shall be included as an Appendix to the By-Laws.

[Sheldon] There is a typo in By-Law 2(2)(a) which Abdul pointed out to me that should be corrected.

[Dylan] It was pointed out in the document that in By-Law 13 we state that Council “may” require consent from clubs and constituencies for certain things. Do we want to remove this or make it stricter?

[Kate] It’s nice to be able to require it when there are problems but not have to constantly be supervising where there are not.

[Sheldon] By-Law 13(9) has a very weird wording that doesn’t make much sense.

[Dylan] We can reword it and also reduce the timeline from 10 days to a week to make it easier to read. Also, I spoke to Kuol and he confirmed that we do in fact still do this those maybe not in as much detail as we should.

[Sheldon] I have concerns about how many documents are available under By-Law 18. There was a proposed By-Law amendment that failed a few years back that I could dig up.

[Dylan] Send it to me and I will put it in the draft report for us to discuss.

[Dylan] By-Law 19(1)(a) needs to be updated to match the changes to quorum above.

[Dylan] Does anyone here have any concern with abolishing Student Court? I have heard some concerns that nobody would be overseeing Council?

[Sheldon] Student Court decisions could be overruled by Council anyway.

[Kate] I have no issue with this.

[Katherine (guest)] Agreed.

[Dylan] I will begin preparing a summary of changes for the committee to vote on. Good work everyone.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.