



AMS Governance Committee Minutes

4:30-5:30 | AMS Offices | 2019-05-22

Attendance

Present: Katherine Westerlund (Chair), Jeanie Malone (Councillor), Tyra Philips (Councillor), Kevin Zhang (Councillor), Dylan Braam (Student at Large), Cole Evans (Councillor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS archivist - non-voting)

Guests:

Regrets:

Recording Secretary: Katherine

****Note: this meeting wasn't published before occurring****

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Cole

Seconded: Kevin

That the agenda be adopted.

The motion carries unanimously.

Welcome – 5 mins

Introductions were done.

Appointment of a Vice-Chair – 5 mins

This committee requires a Vice Chair! This person takes over chair-ship when the Chair can't be present.

Moved: Kevin

Seconded: Tyra

“Cole Evans be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the AMS Governance Committee until the first AMS council meeting of September 2019.”

The motion carries unanimously.

[Jeanie]: I nominate Dylan.

[Dylan]: respectfully declines.

[Katherine]: Nominate Cole.

[Cole]: I accept

Summer Timeline – 30 mins

Let’s nail down exactly what we’d like to work on this summer.

[Katherine]: Many things we can work on this summer.

[Sheldon]: 3 things recommended: video surveillance (has been drafted throughout the year by last govcomm), general privacy policy (drafted by sheldon), review of old rules for transition reports from committee chairs.

[Dylan]: Would transition reporting be retroactive? Bylaw referendum is a big question, do we want to do another one? maybe yes, maybe no. As a personal thing, student court is still a consideration that we may want to continue discussing. Would like to see someone appointed as the clerk of student court at least. let’s look into this ad-hoc process of student court a bit more.

Also: Good opportunity to review election rules. This is the only real time when we can do that.

[jeanie]: potential consideration: senate and board procedures. Should be reflecting the mandated timelines. Reaching out to equity and inclusion for request for comment on our election rules. Considerations for insiders and outsiders.

[Cole]: adding onto dylans bylaws request: considering AGM ordeal last year, may be the potential to pass bylaws through an AGM vote (as another consideration). Would like to have a meaningful AGM.

[Dylan]: there's the opportunity for us to take some ownership of this as well. May be opportunities for collaboration. Big event, good to have a lot of buy in.

[Katherine]:

- Video surveillance (has been drafted throughout the year by last govcomm)
- General privacy policy (drafted by sheldon)
- Review of old rules for transition reports from committee chairs.
- Brief review elections rules, external consultation equity and inclusion.
- Student court
- Indigenous seat on council, primary research and consultation.

How much should we do?

[Jeanie]: Somewhat dependent on Sheldon's time/availability.

[Sheldon]: last year things were delayed for external reasons.

[kevin]: something else I'd like to see is the codification of indigenous student representation on council. Issues about consultation, and voting status of this seat. This is more of a long term consideration.

[Cole]: this would require a bylaw change, would need to be AGM/ref. Another thought is the feedback from the larger Indigenous community on campus that this is something people wouldn't necessarily like.

[Kevin]: who is this coming from?

[Cole]: This is informal, second hand knowledge of comments from persons on this committee.

[Tyra]: I am an indigenous person, was on this committee on the beginning. People on this committee don't necessarily see this as a priority.

[Dylan]: some people do want it, some people don't.

[Cole]: would like to avoid the "tokenization" of the seat. A more organic process would be better in my opinion.

[Katherine]: Seems like a good plan, let's start that consideration and have knowledge about things so that later on if people decide they'd like to act on it we have a process in mind.

[Dylan]: This could also be a more ad-hoc process.

[Sheldon]: nonvoting seats don't need a bylaw change, voting do. council can just appoint nonvoting people. Would be good to think of the logistics of that.

[Katherine]: Alright, that seems like a good list of things to do!

Tasks Assigned

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Monday May 22nd, 2019, 4:30 pm in 3511.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm.