

JUNE COMMITTEE REPORT TO AMS COUNCIL:

AMS Governance Committee

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Hello everybody. Thank you for actually reviewing the documents sent out to council. The Governance Committee has been meeting weekly, and has managed to accomplish several of our goals to date. We meet Mondays from 4:30 - 5:30 in NEST 3511 if you'd like to attend meetings, I'll cc you in agenda distribution if you let me know. We aren't meeting on the 24th or the 1st, but will continue meeting weekly after that.

1. Works in Progress:

Election code review election rules will be sent to UBC equity and inclusion for comment and suggestions. A review of potential suggestions, and the elections code itself, will be conducted ~late July.

Internal Policy review is being conducted by the committee. This involves reviewing the assorted internal policies, determining whether they are still applicable or useful for the AMS to maintain, and then working with assorted committees to modify/improve them for approval by council. These should come to council throughout the coming year, depending on the complexity of the policy and the work of other committees during the review process.

Committee transition reporting code (the stuff removed in ~2016) has been reviewed. The committee has determined we don't want to pursue such a stringent definition of a transition, so we are drafting a little one line "The outgoing chair shall provide transition documentation to the incoming chair" to go in code, and then working with Chris and the Steering Committee about documentation of transition practices. This is something that should be iterating over a number of years, so we don't see value in being so prescriptive if things will likely change frequently.

Indigenous seat on Council. Mainly establishing processes and bylaw changes for the event that people wish to proceed with this bylaw change. As there is no clear end goal for this committee (as it isn't our decision to make) the timeline is very flexible.

Membership definition. The governance committee is looking into how membership in different constituencies is defined, both on our end and on UBC's end (eg. students in a dual degree program, or taking a double major across two different faculties). This includes things like voting in elections and the payment of student fees. As we are dealing with UBC the timeline on this project is a little bit difficult to predict, but this should hopefully be concluded by November.

2. Work Completed

General Privacy Policy has been drafted by Sheldon. This has been reviewed by the committee, who has passed it on for final review by the AMS' Senior Student Services Manager, Ombudsperson, and the AMS' lawyers before it appears before council for approval.

Security Camera policy was drafted by the previous governance committee. This has been reviewed and approved by the Governance Committee, and it has been passed on to the Operations Committee for review and recommendation to Council. We believe the Operations Committee should oversee this policy, thus they should be the final reviewer of the policy before council approval.