



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AMS Governance Committee

Minutes of June 17th, 2019

Attendance

Present: Katherine Westerlund (Chair), Jeanie Malone (Councillor), Kevin Zhang (Councillor), Dylan Braam (Student at Large), Cole Evans (VP Administration), Nicholas (Councillor)

Guests: Michelle (proxy for Kevin)

Regrets: N/A

Recording Secretary: Katherine

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:41 pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Michelle

Seconded: Cole

That the agenda be adopted.

The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Jeanie

Seconded: Michelle

That the minutes of June 10th, 2019 be approved.

The motion carries unanimously.

Updates from the Chair - 5 mins

[Katherine]: Have emailed Stephanie Oldford & set up meeting to discuss dual degree challenges. Trying to figure out how to set boundaries for some of these fee edge cases. Hoping to return by end of next meeting.

Should we meet July 1st? Or July 3rd? (both dates work). May not have a lot of items to discuss at that time point... but could discuss generally.

=> let's not meet on a stat holiday. tentatively set for July 3rd (4:30 - 5:30) unless agenda isn't full.

Still waiting to hear back from Equity & Inclusion re: elections.

Need to talk to Chris re: registrar's office/MOU and transition templates.

Still waiting for wording from Sheldon about Committee Transitions.

Talked to Sheldon briefly about non-voting members having votes on committees. A couple avenues with that.

[Michelle]: Could we also perhaps talk about inclusive council meetings etc?

[Katherine]: On our to do list!

[Jeanie]: Indigenous seats?

[Katherine]: Still waiting to hear back... potentially get rolled into the AMS equity plan.

Review of Internal Policies (working) - 50 mins

[Document](#)

[Katherine]: okay how do we want to do this review?

[Jeanie]: I think we should go through, make some brief cliff notes on what we'd like to see from them, and then maybe have their chair attend our meeting/attend their meetings? We should say when we'd like to see things by, and what we'd like to see from them, and the ask to send it back to us.

[Dylan]: We should send the committees the policies that they have expertise in.

[Jeanie]: wanting it back is a level of accountability and "make sure things get done"-ness

[Dylan]: If we bring things they are still our responsibility, I think this is a steering committee task and thing to own. Weird to have a co-equal committee assigning things to others. We could make a report that has recommendations that X committee reviews X policy by X date. Council amends policies to reassign the policies, and make it clear that those amendments don't count as a policy review.

[Jeanie]: I think having us own this would help it get done.

[Cole]: okay maybe let's come up with a list of who should own each one of these policies. Bring it to steering and "consult", then put it on council docket and pass it.

[Dylan]: Seems like it'd be good to have it come from council, and for other committees to have some ownership over their governing documents. Govcomm should be in the loop of things that are going on, quick skim and review to make sure things make sense.

****committee goes through the internal policy tracker document****

[Michelle]: Consider revising the exec goals policy to have the campaign promises preserved and appear separate?

[Jeanie]: Seems like we could do this through elections code instead?

[Katherine]: Good job making list, send to steering committee!

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is July 3rd, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.