



# THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## AMS Governance Committee

Minutes of July 8th, 2019

### Attendance

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

Guests:

Regrets: Nicholas (Councillor), Cole Evans (VP Administration)

Recording Secretary:

*This agenda was distributed with less than 48 hours notice.*

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm.

### Introductions

### Approval of Agenda

Moved: Michelle

Seconded: Tyra

That the agenda be adopted.

*The motion carries unanimously.*

### Approval of Minutes

Moved: Michelle

Seconded: Katherine

That the minutes of July 3, 2019 be approved.

*The motion carries unanimously.*

### Updates from the Chair - 1 min

[What I've been up to]

Katherine: Stephanie away until the 23rd. My house doesn't have water rn and it's tragic.

**Joint Committee meeting code discussion - 30 mins**

I can't find any suggestions about this online (let us know if you can).

Katherine: I couldn't find anything online??

Jeanie: for bog, main thing is selecting a chair.

Katherine:

- Need to choose a chair
  - discussion between the two chairs, decide who wants to do it beforehand and notify the joint membership
- Everybody gets one vote
- Quorum = quorate number of people from each committee
- Vice chair of committee = other chairs that isn't chairing the joint committee
- how to call such a meeting?
  - maybe it's just like normal (all the minutes and agenda put on the website under both committees)
- all committees can do this
- not entitled to a budget
- clarify membership of the committees = membership of the committees comprising it (1 member one vote!!!!)
- ad-hoc committees. one meeting at a time.

Dylan: how about we just make 2 committees not be able to meet together randomly? just for chaos reasons.

Katherine: would be good to make everything applicable to more than 2 committees meeting together

Michelle: does this apply for 1 meeting or forever?

Dylan: this is ad hoc. ceases to exist immediately after resolving the issues both committees were working on.

Katherine: ok looks like a good list, sheldon to draft for next meeting!

**Chair Transitions Code - 5 mins**

Little bit in code about how chairs should provide transition documents and information.

Katherine: everybody read the document.

Dylan: should the ad hoc chairs still write a report?

Everybody: yes sounds good

Moved by: Katherine

Seconded: Dylan

“BIRT the governance committee recommends council adopt the changes to Section V article 3 of the AMS code as shown in [this document.](#)”

Passes unanimously.

Sheldon to send to joanne to send to Council.

### **Code Cleanup - 20 mins**

See doc in drive.

Jeanie: are we really getting rid of the strategic framework? Thought chris was working on a strat plan

Sheldon: this is for a strategic framework, not a strat plan. this is something that hasn't happened since spencer.

#### **Section 1:**

Article III:

Sheldon: we don't keep all the hard copies anymore, everything is online.

Article IV:

Dylan: are we violating the societies act by not providing hard copies?

\*we looked it up, no\*

#### **Section II:**

article 12:

Sheldon: we haven't had another strategic framework ever. Don't really follow it either

**Section III:**

Article 1:

Dylan: think this could actually be useful. Maybe should be rewritten to reflect every committee as opposed to every single person. We should think about punishments?

Jeanie: Agree, seems like a good idea. think it should be rewritten like that. Maybe they should be able to give verbal update instead?

Michelle: if we want to have a consequence then we need a better deadline. end of the term is too late.

Jeanie: let's add the deadline, assign someone to do shaming/nagging.

Sheldon: what do we want?

- everybody appointed by ams council to sit on an external committee shall provide a verbal update or written report 2x per winter session (once by Dec 31 and once by April 31)
- VP AUA collects and circulates these reports to council

Jeanie: we should talk to julia about that, but it makes sense in my mind to have her do it?

**Section V:**

Article 1:

Jeanie: why are we deleting the in camera rules?

Sheldon: they aren't followed really

Everybody: think these shouldn't be deleted. Can be helpful for committees and also if we get sued. this should maybe just be told to the committee chairs more.

**Section VI:**

Article 3:

Dylan: I see why this exists, so you can't have the exec comm rules be changed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  people. Can't change them to mess with each other.

Sheldon: last content change was 2014.

Jeanie: think we should just get the executive committee to review this doc and maybe get rid of the useless parts/tell us if we could delete?

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Sheldon: this is from before the expansion of student staff. it's been years since we did this

Katherine: seems reasonable to remove

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Sheldon: this has happened 0 times.

Michelle: don't think council necessarily needs to vote on this, but it might be nice to send it to council?

Katherine: I think we should delete it. We don't do it. No point in keeping useless code around if we aren't going to follow it.

*Article 9:*

Sheldon: seems the same as the travel policy? Not sure why we need both?

Jeanie: as long as we have it somewhere

Dylan: seems like this covers more than travel? this is getting very granular.

Jeanie: this should be coming to finance committee instead? move to internal policy?

Dylan: how about we kick this over to finance and make them review it?

## **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is July 15, 2019.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.