

AUGUST COMMITTEE REPORT TO AMS COUNCIL:

AMS Governance Committee

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Hello everybody. Thank you for 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.

1. Works in Progress:

The most important thing for you to look at: 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.

This one needs your help! Currently we have a running list of all the different programs at UBC and where we think they fit in to the constituencies we have right now. [Find a link to that doc HERE.](#) Look at the tab that corresponds to your constituency. Please send this to your executives, we will be coming to talk to you (esp if you have a *vague* definition of your composition, or many groups who appear to live on the boundary between you and another constituency).

Election code review election rules are currently being reviewed by the committee (was the subject of discussion for 1.5 hours this week, very fun very exciting), hopefully there should be some changes coming in September and January from this review.

Internal Policy review We need to focus on all the policies assigned to the Governance Committee, and continue to assist the other committees in their own reviews! No other committees have consulted the Governance Committee yet, so let us know if you would like some help reviewing your internal policies!

Committee transition reporting code is at this council meeting right now (again). Odds are by the time you hear me talk about this, the code change will either have passed or failed.

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. No change since the last report, we have been focused on some other priorities right now.

Code review is continuing. We've been through a couple sections so far, and will continue trucking along! If you have suggestions for things you'd like to see changed, shoot me an email!

Records Policy should be reviewed by the committee soon (sheldon has been away so hasn't had time to finish and distribute to us)! Hopefully you can look forward to this by the end of September.

Budget Timeline We are still letting Fincomm tackle this for the time being, hoping to have a joint committee meeting with them soon! Haven't heard anything from them about it yet. Hopefully by the end of the month that this report is supposed to summarize, we will have more information and will have sent you

2. Work Completed this month (2.0 because most of them have been in Council Limbo since last month)

General Privacy Policy at council right now!

Code review has sent several code changes to council so far.

Joint Committee Meetings! This code is at council right now.