



AMS Student Life Committee

Minutes of August 13th, 2019

Attendance

Present: Kevin Zhang (Chair), Andrew Huang (Councilor), Julia Chai (Councilor), Cole Evans (VP Administration), Ian Stone (Student Services Manager)

Guests: N/A

Regrets: Monika Jadu (Member-at-large), Shadi Saberian (Councilor), Chris Hakim (AMS President)

Recording Secretary: Kevin Zhang (Chair)

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Julia

Seconded: Cole

BIRT the minutes of last meeting be approved as presented.

The motion carries unanimously.

1. Review working documents, determine actionable items

Councilor Engagement Survey:

Nick: Something should pop up when someone clicks no.

Kevin: Did Chris tell you that you were going to be conducting check-ins/reviewing data?

Nick: No

Julia: Need to give incentive for councilors to complete survey, need to consider length.

Nick: Prize? I can take the winner out for dinner.

Cole: Would the goal be to generate a report or would we keep this internal?

→ Say councilors have conflict with the executive, if we were to report on this, it might be construed as a performance review. Keep it about the body itself, execs being part of the body.

Julia: Keep it centered on approachability/workability.

Nick: Chris generally wants to keep tabs on general feedback/council attitude.

Cole: I see more risk in including executive questions than benefit, gear toward more specific questions.

Kevin: Nick are you okay with conducting the check-ins?

Nick: Yes.

Cole: Kevin should send out the survey itself rather than Chris.

2. Student Life Committee Terms of Reference, existing version and changes to make:

Kevin: We should strike the Student Engagement Strategy portion of the ToR

Cole: I agree with this.

Julia: Just a suggestion: "give suggestions to enhance student engagement."

Kevin: Events/Communications attendance at these meetings?

Cole: We should have them attending/involved.

General assent: Add events and communications as permanent non-voting members

Kevin: Mandating a non-executive chair?

Cole: Yup, it is unrealistic to expect a chair who is paid 3 hours a week to come in and delegate/talk to people/fulfill other tasks on a regular basis.

→ I would volunteer myself for this job.

→ VP Admin was supposed to take over a lot of the Student Life stuff

General assent: Mandate the VP Admin to chair the Student Life Committee from here on out. OR, mandate that the chair be an executive and the executive chooses the person to do it.

General assent: Strike clause 2 sub clause C

Ian: Have the events manager give regular update to council? Just a thought.

Cole: Only problem with this is you'd be creating a second quasi-exec

Julia: Can we delegate all existing tasks to other committees?

Cole: We first try and see if the solutions proposed do any good. If at the end of the year this model still doesn't work, we can try disbanding.

Julia: How much oversight do we have over events?

Kevin: We technically have the ability to mandate them to do things.

Cole: Yup, we are members of the board.

Julia: More communication, more feedback would always be good.

Ian: I'd be on board with hiring someone specifically geared toward Student Life.

Cole: Student Life Manager → Right underneath them would be a Student Life Coordinator and Events Coordinator

Julia: I think right now we are at the position where we can delegate existing responsibilities to other committees, hiring two additional positions might not be the best use of student fees.

Cole: Make initial changes to the ToR, and then discuss further changes for the new structure later?

Changes to put forward:

- Designate chairship to VP Admin
- Events and Comms as non-voting members
- Strike clubs and services clause.

“With this new structure we will now have these conversations with events and other members on how to transition to a new structure.”

3. Policy reviews:

Nick: Exec committee is reviewing these two policies, communications policy doesn't really say much aside from mandating the existence of a comms team.

Cole/Ian: We shouldn't really be having a policy dictating the number of emails sent out in a month

Nick: We can remove everything about email caps and transfer privacy things to personal information policy.

- I'll be in touch with Chris about this.

General assent: Give Nick Pang a raise.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.