



AMS Operations Committee

August 13th, 2019 - 5:15pm in Room NEST 3511

Members: Cole Evans (Chair - VP Administration), Katherine Westerlund (Councillor), Jeanie Malone (Councillor), Nicholas Harterre (Councillor), Kelvin Au (Councillor), Aidan Wilson (Vice-Chair and Student at Large), Roger Wang (Student at Large)

Guests: Sarthak Garg, Anjali Gandhi, Vishnupriya Kumar

Present: Cole, Katherine, Jeanie, Aidan (by phone)

Regrets: Nicholas, Roger, Kelvin

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 5:19pm

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Jeanie

Seconded: Kat

Approval of Committee Minutes

July 9th, 2019

July 16th, 2019

July 30th, 2019

Will be sent out for e-mail vote!



Statements from Students at Large

RE: AMS Hindu Yuva @ UBC Club Application

Students: Sarthak Garg, Anjali Gandhi, Vishnupriya Kumar

[Cole]: This group came last week to ask about their club application. We rejected this club on the basis of external affiliations. They clarified that they over-emphasised the affiliation with the HSS, this was more an intention to use some of the public resources the HSS has. However, they are not tied to the HSS in any way.

[Sarthak]: It doesn't state on the club application that clubs cannot be externally affiliated. It seems like all the information is on the application page. The policy book is not available updated on the website. We wouldn't have known to check beforehand. We believe this is a discriminatory approach, several Christian clubs exist and are affiliated. Grandfathering doesn't justify this, just allows for a platform for this.

[Anjali]: We were just using their website resources for sources. There is no financial support provided from HSS.

[Sarthak]: We don't believe the application suggests a dependence on the external affiliation component. The three events detailed in the application focus on on-campus actions, religious events, not suggested to be related to the HSS. We stated that the affiliation was for the purpose of acquiring information. Even though, I don't think affiliation should be denied.

We can apply in the next cycle with just removing the word HSS. We would not make any other changes.

[Anjali]: Waiting for the next cycle would deprive us of the opportunity for September events.

[Cole]: The affiliation piece in your question did discuss "our affiliation with...".



[Aidan]: Similarly, you talk about the HSS values, and accessing resources. But you also talk about volunteer speakers. Seems like a strong affiliation?

[Anjali]: Using the question wording, trying to be responsive. Not necessarily HSS speakers only, we meant people who follow the values of HSS.

[Sarthak]: Anyone can request speakers from HSS.

[Cole]: Would your clubs operations change if you completely eliminated the HSS?

[Sarthak]: Don't see why we would be required to do that, but hypothetically our operations wouldn't change. Our programs are based on our own lived experiences, don't *need* that resource, but would be nice to have it just to verify things.

[Jeanie]: Looking at the "external affiliation" component - I believe the impetus was charity groups who provide service to non-AMS members. Should consider financial implications, and review all previously approved/rejected applications from this cycle. Should consider what information we are trying to capture with external affiliations.

[Aiden]: should consider this from an ams sanctioned events/services/affiliations standpoint.

[Jeanie]: Can we approve them? Does it work administratively?

[Cole]: Yes.

[Aidan]: Want to know what your relationship with the HSS would look like moving forward? What is their role with the club? Educational resources? Financial support?

[Sarthak]: Many different chapters of external organizations available as AMS clubs.



[Aiden]: Don't think this is a question of whether other clubs have affiliations here, this is about your club. I think there's different levels of affiliations, from very casual to formal registering of a chapter with some external organization

[Anjali]: Only accessing resources, and maybe reaching out for speakers.

[Sarthak]: Don't see fundamentally why external affiliations are problematic.

[Cole]: Agree there is a conversation about this to be had in the future.

[Anjali]: HSS will not know what we are doing, or have access to our things.

[Sarthak]: Becomes a sensitive topic when you're talking about religious and cultural groups. Not fair to be provided less of an opportunity for forming later. Would be more useful perhaps to have other classes of clubs for charity or something.

[Aidan]: Is there clarity about the affiliation?

[Jeanie]: I think they are clear about the resources they will be accessing and the relationship. Seems like they have also offered some view to the way we should define affiliation moving forward.

[Aidan]: Still not clear about the relationship.

[Sarthak]: My comments were based on the concept of affiliation and the fairness. The intention for the club is the educational materials and speakers.

[Cole]: Will follow up. Email vote.



Chair Updates

[Cole]: Repealed I-4 Alcohol Consumption.

Talked about club designations. Reaching out to Jennifer Cameron to add Indigenous club association. Being subjected to our structure... could we explore other structures? Remove barriers.

Doing upgrades to the wayfinding in the AMS. May be coming here to ask for funding.

SUDS was nuts. Just working on random stuff.

C&S: no update.

Sustainability: working on Zero waste strategy stuff... coming to council

Hatch: decided the shows for the year!!! And so they are done for the year.

Motion to go *in camera* at 5:58pm: Cole

Seconded: Katherine

Thirdded: Jeanie

Cole's Follow Up List!

- Club Applications

Policy I-7: Building Suspensions and Expulsions Working Session

Cole's Follow Up List!

- RCMP/Campus Security I-7 Enforcing, when we should alert them
- AMS Boundaries/Private Areas
- Ban from Services
- Touch Base with UBC on Board 14 - Do they want to place restrictions in the Nest? MOU?
- Staff Procedures?



- Append Written Warning Template

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.