

OCTOBER COMMITTEE REPORT TO AMS COUNCIL:

AMS Governance Committee

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Hello hello from the Governance Committee! We've been having some fun with code and htat new records policy recently. We meet weekly on Mondays from 12-1pm in NEST 3511 if you want to come be our friend and give your thoughts and feelings on what we are discussing.

1. Works in Progress:

Records Policy has been reviewed by the committee on several occasions and is expected to come before the committee for final approval on Monday October 21st (meaning by the time you're reading this it may have already been recommended to council for approval).

Election code review we passed initial elections code changes last month, will be working on more large scale changes to be presented to council either at the end of November or the beginning of January.

Whistleblower policy might be something that happens in the future. We have sent the President's office out into the world to determine what other schools have and what this would look like for us. Maybe keep an eye out for this sometime ~January?

Contracts review process: when we were going through the code around ethical contracts, we noticed there's no real definition around what an ad-hoc ethical review committee would be, and we would have concerns about individual councillors having the education and knowhow to actually perform an ethical review. We have the President's office looking into what other universities do around Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) and how we could implement guidelines earlier in the contract process.

Constituency definitions we have not forgotten about this, we have just gotten sidetracked by these other code changes. Currently working to define exactly what problems exist beyond just "which programs live under what constituency" (eg. LASSA students who are represented by LASSA and the GSS) and how we would like to go about resolving this.

Communications Policy review This is one of the policies assigned to us during the Grand Internal Policy Review over the summer. Will be looking over this later this month, results should come to council ~early November.

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.

2. Work Completed this month

Finalized some recommendations for code to be removed (a motion which was sent to this council!).

Have reviewed the records policy several times.