AMS Student Life Committee

Friday, October 25th, 2019 - Room 3529 at 3:00pm

Members: Cole Evans (Chair - VP Administration), Chris Hakim (President), Ian Stone (Student Services Manager), Kiera Britto (Councillor), Ian Gilbert (Councillor), Kevin Zhang (Councillor), Carmen Kim (Councillor), Stuart Clarke (Student at Large). Eric Lowe (Communications and Marketing Manager), Rishavraj Das (Assistant Events Manager).

Guests:

Regrets:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 3:06pm

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Chris
Seconded: Kiera

Approval of Committee Minutes

Chair Updates
Discussion on Goals, Direction, Projects

Discussion on Goals, project and direction

- Going through goals of the summer:
- Retreat options for counsellors: not a priority right now, maybe put into a ToR?
- Survey: coming in soon, will be moved into a qualtrics survey soon and Cole will take ownership
- Student engagement strategy: not doing it anymore
- Further engagement with students: good idea to see how the student body can liaise with events
- Working group for Councilor handbook: its currently really outdated, but will keep on a long term goal
- Exploring having better interactions with Exec and Council: Kevin says this needs to be addressed on an ongoing basis, and sees value in it (maybe put in ToR? but wanted to be more overarching, high level goals in this)
- First step: establish the scope of this committee, then start working on goals.
- Question from Cole: brainstorm what the committee should do, create a draft ToR, then see if we wanna move forward
- Kevin: if we place it as a ad-hoc status, instead of a standing, that might be a good compromise
- Question from Cole to Eric and Rish: what do you both wanna see from SLC in your own work?
- Eric: has a general idea, but Eric would like to see SLC coming to him and letting him know what the students would like. Rish Agrees, ie. getting feedback from students related to the things we're already doing. Wants "creative direction"
- Cole: I want to give you the feedback that you want, but don’t want to be overbearing, so SLC will think about how to structure that
- Keira: the year end report works, as it could include what went well and not, as opposed to the updates throughout the year.
- Review of what we have in our ToR:
- Grad class council money needs to be allocated
- Blue and Gold Society (which doesn’t currently exist)
• Discussion on how B&G actually move forward
• Rish would like to see how they come together and work together on events that doesn’t see good turn out (ex. AMS AGM, Thunderbirds single-events festivals)
• Comms used to be under this com, as was First year orientations, event calendar, APD, Spirit week, surveys - none of them fall under our committee now
• Maybe First year committee revamp?
• Rish: they do first year stuff, as well as Scream. Might be interested in working with a First year committee to plan an event for term 2?
• Cole: could be used to get feedback for AMS Events for first years, but also for AMS Events to help the first year committee events
• New ideas:
  • Could do some data analysis on who is going to our events (ex. who is going to pit night, who is going to
  • Eric: maybe doing questions in the Nest Experience Survey? Also the idea of better catering to first years, maybe having a space/event for first years where they feel more welcome?
  • Chris: "not bad"
  • Question from Cole: what would be "too much involvement" from Council into the day to day of both Comms and Events?
  • Eric: another layer of approval process that slows things down would not be good
  • Rish: would like feedback, maybe survey results (ex. what genres students want to see), but not in the operations of festivals (ex. approval of artists)
  • Kevin (with follow up from Rish): standing, general guidelines would be okay, but can make it really hard as AMS Events is not an event company, and they are essentially at the mercy of talent companies
  • Cole: feedback and reports, but not oversight
  • Kevin: maybe responsible for AGM?
  • Kevin: maybe have SLC dealing with contoveral speakers? Cole response: no, let Advocom/exec deal with it
  • Keira: how does Constituencies play into getting/giving feedback to the AMS? Answer from Cole: could build it into B&G
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12pm