AMS Student Life Committee

Friday, November 7th, 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

Meeting called to order at 3:09PM

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Cole

Seconded: Kevin

Passed

Approval of Committee Minutes

November 1st, 2019

Moved by Kevin, second Cole

Passed

Chair Updates

Cole: Working on TOR, had to type it out.

- We'll be discussing this over the course of this meeting.
    - Take a second to read it over and give comments

Kevin: Can you elaborate on twice annually for blue and gold meetings

Cole: Will be better to have one event for them per semester, a lot of planning will go into it. Also fits in better with current model of chair renumeration.

- This can also be a future discussion

Eric: Council liason clause and analytics clause is similar in content. Could we try to combine them?

Cole: Yes. "provide input on projects brought forward by the Student Services Manager, the Events Manager, and the Communications Manager **and act as a liaison between the respective departments;"**

Cole: Does Services have a substantial place on SLComm? There is no current clear defined role for what Ian actually does

Kevin: I think so, data analytics would still apply.

- There is an argument to be made that Services is more directrly impactful to students than Events or Comms

Rish: The purview of our discussion right now is too broad, we need to take baby steps

Cole: For the NES for example, it used to live with Comms. I've moved it into my office this year, in the future it's going to be spread out.

- There hasn't really been a direction for the NES thus far, this year the idea is that the NES will be strictly about the building.

Grad Class Fund:

Cole: This has been something that has always been there, dealt with by this committee

- Right now, there's nothing in code that diliniates a Grad Class Council, only the fund

- SLComm could simply just receive applications and then send them to finance with recommends

Kevin: What's the point of having a grad class fund without having any input from the grad class?

Cole: Logistical challenge would be recruiting actual grad students to sit on subcommittee.

- Last year there was an applications process, Jerome managed it.

Blue and Gold Society:
- Cole: You could have a "subcommittee" of sorts, with leaders selected from certain groups
    - They could meet regularly, and have big events twice a year
- Carmen: What would they do otherwise?
- Cole: No idea.
- Ian: (lists out list of previous organizations part of B&G)
    - Back then, they were able to share information on things going on
    - Recreation building
    - Brainstorming
    - Mental health collabs
- Cole: Could assign Student Life to work out their membership
- Carmen: Couldn't we delineate different themes throughout the year with different attending members?
- Cole: Would still have people who won't be present throughout the year simply due to capacity.
    - Cole: This could also be a good opportunity to engage with IFC and Panhel.
- Kevin: What other avenues of engagement would exist? As long as SLcomm isn't the only point of contact.
- Cole: TBD

AGM:
- Eric: The problem with the AGM is that no one owns it.
- Cole: Having student life committee organize it would make sense. You have board members here, other relevant stakeholders.

- Kevin: "Coordinating." Does that mean we're just telling people to do stuff?
- Cole: Coordinating would include checking in and oversight. E.g. checking in with the President over the summer.

Council Socials:
- Cole: SLComm organizing council socials?
- Ian: I feel this is beyond the scope of this committee
- Kevin: What if we made this clause more general? I.e. "helping with council environment" or something
- Ian: Could this go to HR?
- Cole: Maybe. If we go through with board restructuring it'll be passed onto the responsibility of the board chair.
- Eric: Could push a beer cart into the last 30 minutes of council (last council meeting.)
    - Christmas party>?
- Cole: The AMS has one but we don't invite our councilors
- Kevin: If our end goal from having socials is to improve council bonding/efficacy, couldn't we just specify that in the ToR?
- Cole: "**act as the Committee responsible for creating strategies for Council synergy;**"
- **(General assent)**

Surveys and input:
- Cole: We should be a body that people consult with for these different things.
- Kevin/Carmen: Yes

Strategies for Engaging with First Year Students:
- No substantial discussion here yet.

Cole: Anything missing?

Eric: We don't **own** a lot of tasks. That's why we don't necessarily have clear direction. When we have ambiguous language in our ToR it slows us down, and hinders clear direction.

Cole: The problem is that it's hard to be prescriptive for SLComm. For example, for one year you might want to run one event, and the next year you might want to change it to something else.

Eric: That clause works actually. What I mean is that clause F for instance, is a little more ambiguous.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56PM.

Discussion on Student Life ToR

Adjournment