AMS Operations Committee
Tuesday, October 29th, 2019 - Room 3511 at 5:00pm

Members: Cole Evans (Chair - VP Administration), Katherine Westerlund (Councillor), Alex Gonzalez (Senator), Jeanie Malone (BoG Representative), Max Holmes (BoG Representative), Aidan Wilson (Vice-Chair and Student at Large), Lily Liu (Student at Large)

Guests:

Regrets:

Call to Order
Called to order at 5:06 pm

Adoption of the Agenda
Moved by: Cole         Seconded by: Max

Adopted!!

Approval of Committee Minutes
Be it resolved that the Operations Committee approve the minutes of the October 22nd, 2019 meeting

Moved by : Max        Seconded: Cole
Minutes approved!
Chair updates - 1 min

Cole: Will need to bring the Table to council :( would like to change how this fund works in the future.

Max: consider changing this to follow the IT subcomm rules

Alex: **enters** **is not having a good time**

Lennon Wall - 10 mins

[Cole]: Needs to be moved because it’s around a fire extinguisher. Have identified several other options, my personal fave is the place close to Sprouts (lots of empty white wall space down there, and is under video surveillance). UBCEHK would be responsible for making the move, and they would be notified that we will be more “hands off” with the wall due to capacity constraints.

[Alex]: thumbs up sounds good.

[Max]: is it obstructing a fire extinguisher?

Cole: makes it harder to see

Alex: think there may be problems with high traffic area and people brushing against the wall removing things accidentally.

[Max]: slight concerns about optics around moving downstairs from this high traffic high visibility area.

[Cole]: they haven’t been informed of this.

[Cole]: I think the options are to move or take it down, would give them a warning beforehand.

[Alex]: why can’t it go on another place in the nest?

[Cole]: we have very few places which have large white walls

[Max]: sprouts is good, maybe we should come back to Ops if they’re super opposed (as opposed to just taking it down).
Update on IFC Questions - 10 mins

[Cole]: Had a good meeting with them today, talked about a lot of the questions we collected. They aren’t willing to change their structure. Main benefit = booking privileges (like the other things though). Liability depends on AMS membership, is complicated, there is liability crossover. Impact seems limited to just loss of booking privileges, not complete deletions of all the frats. Would be interested in an agreement with the AMS that lets them book things. Would be interested in defining the relationship further (joint workshops, access to AMS services and resources, clear guidelines on how to use AMS policies.

[Alex]: can they just use our policies within their organization? Like adapt them for their own organization.

[Cole]: Wasn’t exactly sure what they meant by this. I think they just don’t want to be completely left out of these discussions.

[Max]: Because they have such an important role right now..

[Cole]: Any other questions/comments

[Max]: Did they ever mention what WOULD give them trouble with their internationals?

[Cole]: No

IFC-AMS Liability Relationship - 20 mins

[Cole]: There is overlap. Legal counsel has many options when naming plaintiffs in a lawsuit. Property, events, any real link between us and them could make us potentially liable.

Finalizing Membership Direction - 10 mins

So we can add some context to the final report - not finalizing the whole thing to recommend though, just the general direction.

[Cole]: is everybody still happy about this whole competitive entry concept? Would require ops to be looking at these things a lot closer in the future.
[Katherine]: Have we actually identified clubs that do this?

[Cole]: I think there are a couple.

[Katherine]: would only be concerned about clubs not being able to have the same purpose of another club, and people not being able to get involved in things they’re interested in learning more about.

[Cole]: We’d definitely need to think more about how that works.

[Max]: maybe we can only approve a certain number of clubs?

Recommendation Summary for Report - 15 mins

[Cole]: quickly drafted this earlier today, very open to suggestions. Don’t necessarily need to include all of specifics as Max noted.

[Max]: Agree we should try to have a positive, but think it should be productive. Don’t think they have a ton of transparency/accountability, and need to be certain of the safety of our safety and security of our members. Don’t think we can do all of this (we aren’t UBC), this is potentially a piece for advocomm.

[Cole]: ok, let’s go through Max’s comments. Nov 30th chosen so we have a plan of action when this date occurs and nobody is left in the lurch.

[Katherine]: so what you’re saying is this is Brexit? Frexit??

[Cole]: normally when clubs are deconstituted their money goes into the clubs benefit fund.

[Max]: why not?

[Cole]: would consider this to be an exceptional circumstance. They are a club because of our lack of action. We know the IFC is going to continue to exist (unlike other clubs).

[Katherine]: I think there’s a piece about this in code. Would be concerns about where this money will actually exist?

[Alex]: think we should keep the money

[Katherine]: don’t think we actually have the ability to actually transfer them money?? How would that functionally work?

[max]: how would we even make an MoU with them? They aren’t a legal entity?

[ Cole]: we have other of these - common energy.
[Max]: even then, agree with Katherine

[Katherine]: ok what if we used their money to pay for the bookings they want? Works like a transition period, their account gets drawn down as they book?

[Cole]: this would be complicated and they wouldn’t like it, but it’s an interesting thought.  
[Max]: believe they can’t retain assets. Perhaps there could be a solution in the future. Until the IFC creates something that has transparency over it, don’t think we should do this.

[Katherine]: we hold accounts for 6 months post deconstitution, so it would give us time.

[Cole]: should they be able to access the money post-deconstitution?

[Max/Katherine]: no, freeze the account like any other organization.

[Cole]: timeline update: this may require an email vote if we want this to be on the docket. We will do an email vote on this so it’s in by friday so check ur emails!

**UTSAV discussion - 5 mins**

[Cole]: Dwali event on Sunday, wanted event to end at 3 but couldn’t find a duty manager so needed to end at 12. Came to an agreement that they could come back next day to finish cleaning. Came back next day and things were chaotic. Open alcohol found (unlicensed event), sticky floors, 15 garbage bags left there, leaking on the ground (damaging the floors), chairs damaged by food and alcohol. Estimates from Kieth and Christine are about $8k. Custodial + fixing.

[Max]: are any other bookings affected by this?

[Cole]: don’t think so.

[Max]: how much money in their account?

[Cole]: could potentially be around $8k

[Max]: freeze their account in case we need to draw from there.

[Cole]: Would like their booking privileges revoked for a certain amount of time. C+C would like until the end of the academic year.

[Max]: would almost prefer a smaller suspension, definitely freeze their account. Suspend until the end of this term and allow them to explain themselves (and then further suspend based on reasoning).

[Cole]: they’ve been talking to C+C about the incident.
Moved by: Max  Seconded: Jeanie
“BIRT UTSAV booking privileges are revoked until November 30th, 2019. Note, subject to review for potential lengthening of suspension.”
Unanimously approved!

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.