



## AMS Operations Committee

Tuesday, November 19th, 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:** None

**Regrets:** Katherine, Max

### Call to Order

Called to order at 5:20pm

### Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Jeanie      Seconded by: Alex

Motion passes unanimously.

### Approval of Committee Minutes

Be it resolved that the Operations Committee approve the minutes of the November 12th, 2019 meeting

Moved by: Cole      Seconded: Aidan

Motion passes unanimously.



## Chair Updates - 5 min

[Cole]: 3511 Table... isn't all here yet.

New club applications are going up soon, and Life building + Nest clubs days. We will be doing the same system as we did in September since it worked well.

Hatch - doing an event thing! SHAPE committee is working on selling some pieces, trying to figure out the differences in auction house quotes.

Sustainability - working on the sustainable action plan. Tied to the UN SDG. Going out for consultation soon. Starting plans about a new sustainability conference to occur in February. Looking at a case competition conference, but with some panels and sessions as well, may apply to SPF for funding.

[Jeanie]: Apply to Walter Gage for conference?

[Aidan]: And partner with clubs?

[Cole]: No update on furniture throwing.

The Norm is OPEN AGAIN!

## UTSAV Update - 5 min

[Cole]: Total cost for damages: \$2600. Has potential to rise slightly more, but that's pretty much it.

Motion to authorize the VP Administration to withdraw the cost of damages from the UTSAV club account to cover the cost of repairs to the Great Hall.

Moved: Jeanie

Seconded: Aidan



Motion passes unanimously.

[Alex]: Were all vendors paid?

[Cole]: Yes and they have \$5000 in account. Haven't yet deposited revenue either

### **Nest Hours Extension - 24hrs**

[Cole]: We talked about this last meeting. I checked with Keith - it just means we need to pay more insurance on the building. A few thousand dollars probably "for the duration of the strike".

[Jeanie]: Duration?

[Cole]: Unclear timeline for that.

[Aidan]: Could we have businesses open?

[Cole]: Anything is possible.

[Jeanie]: What would the turnaround time be on getting the insurance changed? Imagine we would need to make a call on this pretty fast.

[Cole]: I think we could change it pretty quickly but I'm not sure.

[Alex]: There are so many commuters!

[Cole]: Don't think there is a benefit unless we have a clear lack of space on campus. Need to reach a certain level of need.

[Alex]: Can we get an actual quote from Keith on the NEST being open for 3 weeks?



[Cole]: Yes I will do it!

## **IFC Discussion - 15 min**

Agreements and what to do with the funds.

[Cole]: I met with IFC on Sunday evening. I discussed the report, next steps, outcomes with them. They are interested in an agreement:

1. Some sort of oversight mechanism in place so they feel supported by the AMS. Someone they meet with that can help them navigate different situations, risks, etc. Quarterly working group perhaps, with clubs staff? A productive relationship - many people tell them what they should be doing but don't have the ability to do it themselves. They get a lot of feedback without follow through. More measured steps, liaising with them.
2. An agreement gives them more security with the AMS, comfort that they won't lose access to things that they have.
3. Some sort of notice period for ending of the agreement.
4. Concerned UBC would cut them out of Imagine Day with no AMS tie. Would like to have some sort of recommendation for AMS to advocate for IFC to have presence.
5. SASC - work with Healthier Masculinities, Alex has been great. Does workshops and seminars.

Will have to consult SASC on some of it.

[Aidan]: How much needs to actually be in an agreement? Limits flexibility.

[Cole]: They want something in writing. We have things in place with SEEDS for example. Very helpful for transition.

[Jeanie]: Could you show us that SEEDS one as an example?

[Aidan]: Not sure what we actually get out of this agreement? Knowing Max isn't here, he would raise that.



[Cole]: Before, they were subsidiary. I think we should try this new structure.

[Aidan]: This gives more power to IFC. We don't have a clear oversight link, now it looks more like equal partners rather than a tiered system.

[Alex]: Agreed.

[Cole]: Similar to UNA, we have an established relationship because they play an important role on campus. We liaise with them since their operations affect our membership.

[Alex]: If we are going to have an MOU we need to be very clear about the boundaries of the relationship. We need clarity about liability, we could potentially be put on a lawsuit in the same way. So many of these five things listed in the above priorities for IFC are not necessary to put in a formal agreement done year to year. This is mostly wrinkles that will be sorted out the first year out of being a club. They shouldn't have security in their relationship with the AMS, if something destructive happens we need to be able to cut off things. We need to put as little in an agreement as possible.

[Jeanie]: Is IFC an incorporated body? Can we sign an agreement with a non-entity?

[Cole]: I brought up that to them. That needs to be clarified more. Lawyers questions.

[Jeanie]: Non binding agreements don't help anyone out here.

[Alex]: With what it seems like we are putting forward here, at the stage the IFC is at and without legal advice, I'm not comfortable moving forward with any agreement right now.

[Cole]: Early days

[Alex]: I want to be clear is what I am saying is on the basis of liability in the past, when we look into other clubs I will not have the same wariness since they may not have the same histories.



[Aidan]: How would past lawsuits affect us?

[Cole]: Legal counsel can be as creative as they want to... we can never completely eliminate chance of being named in a lawsuit. We want to minimize risk though

[Jeanie]: Student liaison officer for UBC... they were supposed to have someone to do the stuff listed in priority 1. So we should probably not do that if UBC is already committing to that?

[Cole]: Money! \$10,000 in account. Normally we confiscate. I see this as unique since no active violation occurred... but since they are not a legal entity we don't have a way to give them the money either.

[Aidan]: Not in favour of taking the money away. Don't think it's productive. Where does the money come from? Also the frats have bank accounts even if IFC doesn't. Need a distinct reason to take the money other than just "deconstituting"; we are changing relationship not "deconstituting".

[Jeanie]: Could be... booking fees? \$10,000 for infinite bookings foreverrr...? But probably be easier to just charge for bookings like normal.

[Alex]: Who would we give the money...to?

[Cole]: We could give them until April 30 to figure it out.

[Alex]: They could be given a choice of crediting it towards bookings or

[Cole]: Unless free bookings?

[Alex]: No free bookings... why an exception



[Cole]: Many groups get free bookings like Common Energy, TEDXUBC, etc.... If benefit to UBC Community, VP Admin can waive bookings

[Aidan]: Let's hold the money for now

[Cole]: We should figure out the agreement first but do we want to put it in the clubs benefit fund right now

[Jeanie]: Do we take damage deposits for bookings? We should

[Cole]: External groups yes but clubs not

conclusion: we continue to do nothing with the money :) Do not put in clubs benefit fund

## **Policy I-7 Working Session - 40 min**

Jeanie made some comments! Going over new revisions.

***EVERYONE COMMENT ON THE DOCUMENT! DUE END OF DAY TOMORROW AND THEN COLE WILL CIRCULATE INTERNALLY***

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at