AMS Governance Committee
Agenda of January 30th, 2020 | In the AMS open offices

Attendance

Present: Katherine Westerlund (Chair), Jeanie Malone (Councillor), Dante Agosti-Moro (Councillor), Max Holmes (Councillor), Alex Gonzales (Councillor), Sahar Dua (Student at Large), Cole Evans (VP Administration), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS archivist - non-voting)

Guests:

Regrets: Dante, Sahar, Cole

Recording Secretary:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Jeanie Seconded (reluctantly): Max
That the agenda be adopted.

*The motion carries unanimously.*

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Seconded:
That the minutes of January 16th, 2020 be approved.

ALEX: amendment, I was not there please note me as not there.

*The motion carries. The motion carries unanimously. The motion fails. The motion fails unanimously.*
Bylaw Amendments - 45 mins

Do we want to keep all these changes? Do we want to add more? See minutes from last meeting for recommendations from Dylan.

Alex: 3 points that mention sections that don’t exist. In bylaw 5, 2h and 2i mention sections which don’t exist.

    Sheldon: should be 5 2 a iii and 5 2 a ii

5 4 b ii also has this problem

Max: question around the referenda thing. Seems like we are adding a lot of requirements, has finance committee ever considered adding a budget for a proposed fee? Several referenda I can think of that seem like they are just abstract ideas instead of well thought out plans.

    Alex: would increase the barrier to entry.

    Max: Maybe we should increase the number of signatures? 2000?

    Alex: maybe it should be a percentage?

Katherine: Is this actually a worthwhile amendment?

    Jeanie: why don’t we ask council?

Max: how many questions are we going to have?

    Jeanie: student court maybe on its own?

    Max: I say put all bylaw changes together, except for ones that are important (eg. indigenous seat).

    Jeanie: we also need to like really bump it at council, councillors should be on board.

Max: I don’t think we have done a good job running our YES campaigns. Comms, exec, everybody needs to come together.

      Jeanie: constituencies have networks as well.

**chris and cole arrive**

Chris: I’m sending out the indigenous seat on council changes.
Max: to be democratic we should change AGM quorum to 8%.

   Katherine: no

Max: I’m fine with these changes as is, one thing about the referendum percentage is maybe we should make it in line with quorum?

   Jeanie: that’s a lot

Max: to be clear: take out the 1000 and just leave it at 5%.

Katherine: let’s look at the indigenous seat

Chris: this is what was recommended by them, one seat. They have been considering the code behind it as well.

   Max: I support this being its own separate referendum

Max: my proposal is very good I abstain. We need to make one change. To walk through the code, this explicitly states that senators/board members. goes through conflict of interest rules. Change: currently under conflict of interest section, executives who are senators would be conflicted out of those discussions. We can change this to remove senators, as they don’t have these fiduciary duties to the ubc.

Cole: this sounds great.

Moved by: Katherine    Seconded: Cole

BIRT we refer this code change to council for approval!

Results: Approved, Max, Chris, Alex, and Jeanie abstain.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Feb 6th, 2020.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at [Time].