

SUBJECT	I-21 Policy on Committee Appointments
MEETING DATE	August 26 2020
MOTION	BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve the new Policy on Committee Appointments (I-21), along with the accompanying Code change entitled ‘Code Changes 2020: Committee Appointments.’
PREPARED BY	Sebastian Cooper, Chair, Governance Committee Cole Evans, President Justin Zheng, Associate, Policy and Governance
DOCUMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I-21 Policy on Committee Appointments Code Changes 2020: Committee Appointments

DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE This creates a new Internal Policy to provide clear direction regarding the appointment of AMS committees. I-21 provides a more efficient, equitable, and accessible approach to committee appointments, by moving the process and voting online and outside of Council meetings.

BENEFITS
Reputational, Financial, Sustainable, Social

Efficiency: Nominations and voting occur online, providing sufficient time to review nominations and removing the need for a multi-hour Council meeting.

Accessibility: This approach removes the disadvantage to students who are not in the PDT/PST timezone; removes the disadvantage to students unable to attend the particular meeting; and removes recency bias

Clarity: Provides clarity regarding the voting system (ranked ballot) as well as a means to verify the vote

RISKS
Financial, Operational, Reputational

Loss of flexibility: some flexibility is lost (e.g. being able to nominate other Councillors in person, being able to drop nominations to other committees after securing a spot on one committee, etc.)

COSTS
Financial,
Resources, Lifecycle

N/A

TIMELINE
Implementation
Timeline

To enter into force immediately, so as to be in place for the September reconstitutions of Council.

CONSULTATION
Internal & External
Groups

Governance Committee
Archivist and Clerk of Council