

September 14, 2020 Agenda of the AMS Governance Committee

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91681615917>

Attendance

Present: Sebastian Cooper (Chair), Danny Liu, Georgia Yee, Ryan Wong, Carter Maclean, Nicola Vanderveer

Guests:

Regrets: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 6:35 pm

Agenda Items

Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Ryan Seconded: Carter

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries.]

Approval of Past Minutes

Moved: Ryan Seconded: Carter

That the minutes of August 18, 2020 and September 1, 2020 be approved.

[The motion carries.]

Code Change 2020: Discipline

Discussion of the Code Changes 2020: Discipline draft.

- Carter wondered about the non-executive chairs of the standing committee and where the idea came from
- Sebastian suggested that the idea came from the examples of other schools
- Ryan endorsed the idea, given the existing confidence that Council places in committee chairs

- Danny raised concerns about the Committee's ability to decide their own procedures, and suggested they instead have procedures already laid out
- Sebastian suggested that the Committee would meet once to determine their procedures, and that the current language provides flexibility
- Danny asked whether the committee would be open to public and raised concerns about the HR issues that might arise
- Sebastian discussed the issues about accessibility and accountability

BoG/Senators appointments to AMS committees

- Sebastian believes that these conflicts prove further that this issue should be addressed through clarifying what constitutes conflicts of interest in Chair transitions docs and by ensuring the reps are aware of the issues

Vote Tallies on recommendations from Committee

- Concurrence on moving forward with the recommendations to Council

Committee and Chair Transitions

Discussion based on the 2016 Code language.

- Sebastian recommended creating a google doc in order to collaborate on Page 2-4 of the document
- Ryan: They removed honoraria due to already having been removed as Chair, and yet the transition should be part of the job
- Sebastian: Most chairs are being paid until right before the busy part of the semester
- Danny: How much was the honoraria before? Could be lowered in order to guarantee that Chairs fulfill the transitional duties

Constituency Membership

Discussion regarding next steps.

- Sebastian is unsure whether it's worth it to continue along with this project, and yet the Gov Comm last year spent a lot of time on it
- Ryan: yes, they spent a lot of time on it last year, but there was no really path of how to go about the next steps
- Ryan: It would be a lot of work, with potentially little to no reward as there would be a lot of outreach that this committee can't do on its own. This could be also a suggested project for Justin to help with.
- Sebastian: We could suggest it to the constituencies and the reaction would yield how "big" of an issue is and how they could suggest the level of importance and urgency of this issue

- Sebastian: Do students know where/ how to approach the AMS Gov Comm when they discover a problem
- Ryan: We could include reference to this and contact info on the AMS website somewhere; if someone has a representation issue they'll know who to go to.

Committee Reporting

Discussion regarding follow-up with President's office.

- Danny: What did Cole want us to have the committee reporting procedure to be like?
- Sebastian: Instead of reporting to Council at the end of every month, there would be a short update at every council meeting, in addition to a quarterly report to all AMS members

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is September 21, 2020.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.