SUBJECT  
Consultation on Code Changes Regarding Discipline

MEETING DATE  
October 28, 2020

MOTION  
FOR INFORMATION SUBMISSION regarding the creation of a Standing Committee on Discipline

PREPARED BY  
Sebastian Cooper, Chair, Governance Committee

DOCUMENTS  
1. Attachment #1 – Code Changes 2020 discipline

DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE
Govcomm was mandated by Council to “Investigate new guidelines or procedures regarding disciplinary action at AMS Council and report back to Council with a report and/or relevant Code changes...”

Govcomm has drafted potential Code language to create a Standing Committee on Discipline. The proposal reflects our research into the practices of other Canadian universities’ student societies and our subsequent discussion regarding what would be appropriate in the context of the AMS.

The aim of the proposal is to provide a mechanism for Council to ensure that Councillors and the Executive fulfill their mandates effectively. This Code change would provide a procedure to allow Council to thoroughly investigate issues that may hinder those goals. Importantly, this would allow Council to provide targeted responses that would ensure the individual at issue is able to address the issues raised. Currently, Council has few options beyond censure, which is seen by many as a harsh punishment.

The suggested Code amendments are being brought to Council for consultation.

BENEFITS
Provide Council with a standard procedure through which it can both investigate and respond to allegations of improper behaviour.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>RISKS</strong></th>
<th>May stymie Council’s ability to take immediate action against allegations of improper behaviour.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>COSTS</strong></td>
<td>Chairs of Standing Committees are compensated for their roles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TIMELINE</strong></td>
<td>Consultation will occur in October 2020. Govcomm will aim to bring the finalized recommendations to Council in November 2020.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CONSULTATION</strong></td>
<td>Clerk of Council, AMS Ombudsperson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>COMMITTEE VOTE TALLY</strong></td>
<td>Unanimously in support</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

Financial,
Operational,
Reputational

Financial,
Resources, Lifecycle

Implementation
Timeline

Internal & External
Groups

(Votes in favour,
votes against,
abstentions)