

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Consultation on Code Changes Regarding Discipline</b>
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>October 28, 2020</b>
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION SUBMISSION regarding the creation of a Standing Committee on Discipline</b>
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<b>DOCUMENTS</b>	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**  
Reputational,  
Financial,  
Sustainable, Social

Provide Council with a standard procedure through which it can both investigate and respond to allegations of improper behaviour.

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**RISKS**  
Financial,  
Operational,  
Reputational

May stymie Council's ability to take immediate action against allegations of improper behaviour.

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**COSTS**  
Financial,  
Resources, Lifecycle

Chairs of Standing Committees are compensated for their roles.

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**TIMELINE**  
Implementation  
Timeline

Consultation will occur in October 2020. Govcomm will aim to bring the finalized recommendations to Council in November 2020.

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**CONSULTATION**  
Internal & External  
Groups

Clerk of Council, AMS Ombudsperson

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**COMMITTEE  
VOTE TALLY**  
(Votes in favour,  
votes against,  
abstentions)

Unanimously in support