



Agenda of the AMS Operations Committee

(Agenda for Oct. 28th, 2020 Meeting @ 10:00 - 11:00 AM | Zoom)

Attendance

Present: Alexandra Arbelaez, Emma Dodyk, Ben Du, Katherine Feng (Chair), Lawrence Liu, Sylvester Mensah (VP Administration), Ghazal Rezaei

Regrets: None

Guests: Michael Kingsmill

Recording Secretary: Ben Du

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Email Vote

The following motion was put to an email vote and passed unanimously:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from August 21st approved”

Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Emma

Seconded: Ben

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is adopted with the proposed amendment.”

Sylvester: Addition of agenda item 1 (East Side Furniture Discussion).

Agenda Items

1. East Side Furniture Discussion

Sylvester: We are considering whether to put in open multi-purpose tables or cubicles-like study spaces where the tables have dividers.

Michael: The east side is the quiet side of the Nest and the current layout is good but operationally, it has some issues. The furniture can be difficult to move without damaging it and that's part of what prompted this idea for change. Open tables and cubicles give the space a different feel.

Emma: It would be nice to have tables where dividers could be taken down so students have a choice but I'm not sure if that's logistically possible. Will there be power outlets near tables?

Michael: A table where dividers can go up and down might be hard to find or expensive. Constantly putting up and removing dividers with tape could damage tables. There will be power outlets.

Sylvester: Absolutely. Power outlets were one of the first things we considered when thinking about this project.

Katherine: The Nest has a lot of spaces where students can study in groups so having dividers would fill a gap in the types of study spaces available in the Nest.

Michael: It's true that the Nest currently has no study spaces with dividers so this would bring a new option for students.

Emma: I think a student approaching a table where one person is already sitting might want to sit at a different table if there are no dividers so dividers could help maximize use of the space.

Alex: I agree. Having semi-height partitions is good because they create a more personal space for studying and groups can still see each other and work together if they want to.

Ben: I think that the west side chairs are quite spaced apart for group work though. Deciding which option we choose will fundamentally impact the east side's atmosphere. The semi-partitions is a great idea with including a sense of community, but also having a personal dedicated space for studying. It sort of accommodates the best of both worlds.

2. Vice-Chair Appointment

Ben: I would like to be the Vice-Chair of this Committee to continue expanding my learning, and I can dedicate my time as this is the only position I hold within the AMS. I believe the experience I have from being on the Committee in the summer will benefit the AMS moving forward.

Moved: Emma

Seconded: Katherine

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ben Du is appointed Vice-Chair of the Operations Committee”

This motion passed unanimously.

3. Operations Committee Manual Line Suspension

Moved: Sylvester

Seconded: Alex

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the requirement for the VP Administration to be Chair in Subparagraph 3(1)(a)(i) of the Operations Committee Policy Manual is suspended”

This motion passed unanimously.

Katherine: This is just so that our manual is consistent with other AMS documents. However, it would be confusing to have another copy of the manual with just this change.

Sylvester: Maybe we can suspend this line of code and save the change for when we publish a revised version with more amendments. That way it is still consistent.

4. Club Constitutions

Reviewed:

CP-U (Computer Science for Undergrads), AMS Data Science Club at UBC, STRIVE Business and Engineering, AMS Potluck Club at UBC, AMS BOLT at UBC, UBCO Transfer Club, AMS First Connections @ UBC, Multi-Organ Transplant Association at UBC, UBC Mental Health Initiative, Biochemistry Student Association, UBC Middle East Studies Student Association, Radio Broadcasting Club, and HanVoice UBC.

STRIVE Business and Engineering (recommended for further discussion):

Katherine: This club was recommended to us for further discussion because many engineering clubs already exist but the Clubs & Societies Working Group wasn't sure if the additional business aspect could fill a gap.

Sylvester: We thought this one should be discussed further since it bridges the two. It seems quite similar to existing business clubs though.

Emma: There are plenty of opportunities and lots of ways for engineering students to get introduced to business and do business-related things through their degrees (ex. Design teams, entrepreneurship minor, commerce minor, co-ops).

Katherine: Since the application indicates that they intend to mainly host guest speakers, I'm not sure how the AMS can support them beyond providing booking privileges. I think their application has potential to be stronger in the future.

Emma: They may be interested in being an EUS club, where the EUS can help by providing booking privileges for spaces like the ESC and funding too.

Additional Review of Clubs & Society Working Group's Recommendations

BOLT UBC:

Sylvester: BOLT and Data Science have similar mandates and since BOLT is already operational and has a presence online, they demonstrate that they're likely to have members and host events. For this reason, we chose to recommend BOLT for constitution over Data Science.

U&I Korea Club (elective deconstitution):

Katherine: The club held an AGM, met quorum, and over two-thirds voted for elective deconstitution.

There were no objections to the recommendations made. Review of the remainder of the recommendations was tabled to the next meeting.

5. Committee Goals Discussion

This agenda item was tabled to the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 4th from 10-11am.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.