



Agenda of the AMS Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions

Friday, November 20, 2020

Attendance

Present: Christopher Sundby (chair), Daniel Martin, Agam Gill, Cole Evans, Sheldon Goldfarb, Sebastian Cooper, Georgia Yee, Nicolas Romauldi (GSS)

Regrets:

Recording Secretary: Daniel Martin

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:09pm.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Sebastian

Seconded: Georgia

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved: Cole

Seconded: Sebastian

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the November 6, 2020 Committee meeting be approved and sent to AMS Council”

Updates from VST, St Mark’s, Regent College

Daniel gave summary of Affiliate College.

Chris mentioned three areas of work.

Daniel mentions points:

- Things from AMS:
- Inclusion in student surveys (academic experience, Covid, housing).
- Consideration for subsidies (plan for us rather than duct tape in the solution).
- Inclusion/consideration on new initiatives (Textbroke)
- Specific contact (who has knowledge) that helps us advocate to our own school government structures.

Things from AMS re:UBC:

- Cheet sheet for UBC contacts for when we encounter systemic problems (ID card office, Library, Recreation)

Chris mentions points:

- Having somebody and knowledge where to go when issues occur.
- Knowledge of what our students are able to do/not do.

Agam mentions points:

- Students unaware of services and events.
- Not aware of AGM (not on email list)
- Inclusion into emails and surveys
- Promoting clubs
- Following through with Campus Base.

Cole: We need to get lists, that fixes most issues.

Georgia: We need to track down the policies that govern how our surveys run with affiliates. Working on a cheat sheet for UBC in general. Work on aligning advocacy areas, potentially take to other offices to discern what services we can use.

Nicolas: Will you come to a GSS meeting. We lose nothing becoming acquainted. Met with Muse before. Are affiliate colleges constituencies?

Sheldon: No, separate, Affiliate Colleges have separate naming in policy,

Chris and Daniel: Happy to come to GSS meeting and talk about affiliate college life.

Chris: Thanks to Sheldon for digging up all the archives..

Review of Sheldon's Work

Sheldon: Who is an AMS member? Bylaws say that anyone taking a credit course or degree or credit program is. Regent/VST have a handshake agreement that on-campus students taking 3 or more credits pay fees. Even those who don't pay fees have access to services and voting and running.

Discussion

Nicolas: Might all be better served becoming GSS Members. Preliminary thoughts, also includes GSS fee.

Cole: The big thing is that your students would be paying double membership if you join the GSS. You would have to be saying that GSS offers better services. Not a bad option if you want to interact better with grad students--90% of AMS programming is directed at undergrads. Note what the benefits are.

Daniel and Chris: Hard sell for both is fees, not all students are as engaged as we are.

Nicolas: Spiritual conversations with GSS and affiliate schools. Maybe some sort of affiliation

Action items:

Georgia-review policies on surveys, creating a cheat sheet, how can affiliate schools access services, explore advocacy points, looking at MOU and student info lists

Chris-set up meetings with Georgia, and academic experience survey, meet as group and individually

Sebastian: somewhere in code that it is somewhere in code for AMS to reach out specifically to affiliate

Cole: VP AUA to look after this, especially given the issues, perhaps internal policy for when you check in

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on December 4, 2020 @ 3PM.

Adjournment

Moved: Georgia

Seconded: Sebastian

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03.