Agenda of the AMS Operations Committee
(Agenda for August 21st, 2020 Meeting @ 1-2pm | Zoom)

Attendance
Present: Sylvester Mensah Jr. (AMS VP Admin), Ben Du, Katherine Feng, Alex Arbelaez, Lawrence Liu, Daniel Martin, Nadir Nurali

Regrets: None

Guests: None

Recording Secretary: Katherine Feng

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:04pm.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda
Moved: Katherine Seconded: Lawrence

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

Approval of Previous Minutes
Moved: Lawrence Seconded: Katherine

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the June 24th Committee meeting be approved and sent to AMS Council.”

Agenda Items

1. New Club Appeals

Sylvester: There is no formal appeal process for new club applications. This year the Clubs and Societies Working Group was much more critical in our analysis of applications because we have limited resources to support them.
**Generation Fitness:**
Sylvestor: We decided to not constitute them on the basis of being similar to powerlifting club. The AMS doesn't own any of the facilities they would need to operate so we can't help them with that and it doesn't make sense for them to be an AMS club.

Katherine: Based on their application, the difference seems to be that they have a philosophy aspect

Daniel: The lack of a space for them to meet in and use is a good justification for rejecting the appeal

**Eczema Awareness Club:**
Sylvester: It's a more specific version of the skin diseases club so people looking for a community are likely to be able to find one anyway.

Daniel: A significant portion of the population has eczema

Ben: If we accept this appeal, it creates the possibility for other clubs focused on a specific skin disorder.

Alex: I think students would benefit from a community like this, but I can see that there could be liabilities in offering certain medical advice and resources.

Lawrence: I don't know how this club would operate and what it could offer.

Sylvester: I will have a further conversation with Valerie to get a clearer idea of what she would do as a club.

**Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Network:**
Sylvester: The GSS has expressed their ability to provide resources for this as a program club. It exists to support interdisciplinary graduate students and fills a gap in the clubs that exist.
2. Nest Study Space Project

Sylvester: This is a capital project that was tabled at the first Council meeting of the summer. We’re bringing it back to the next Council. Several buildings will be closed and since the Nest is so central, it will be a good space to have study areas in. We also wanted to bring this back
because based on last year’s Nest experience survey, studying is the second most common reason people go to the Nest.

Daniel: Is this the same as the initial proposal?

Sylvester: Yes.

3. **Videoconferencing Grant Procedure Discussion**

Sylvester: We’ve finalized the procedure and will communicate it to clubs on Monday. Constituencies and resource groups won’t have access to this form because they already have the resources. Starting in September, all students will have access to Microsoft Teams. The form will be available from Aug 24th to Sept. 30th. Applications will be processed by the accounting team at the end of every week. They’re currently understaffed so it might take extra time to get the grants administered. We’ve also completed the alternative resources document now.

4. **AMS CampusBase Updates**

Sylvester: We started uploading users yesterday since there are 50,000 students. Someone said somewhere on CampusBase, they were able to see the emails of some students so that’s something we will fix very soon. CampusBase is ready for launch on Monday.

5. **Alternative Resources Document Review**

Ben: We should add that everyone has access to Microsoft Teams.

Sylvester: We got word of that after making this document. We can do that but the University should be communicating that to everyone.

Alex: Forestry has sent out an email about that.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44pm.