

January 18, 2021 Minutes of the AMS Governance Committee; 4pm

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91681615917>

Attendance

Present: Sebastian Cooper (Chair), Danny Liu (SUS), Ryan Wong (VSEUS), Carter MacLean (AUS), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council)

Guests:

Regrets: Kalith Nanayakkara (AMS VP External Affairs), Katherine Feng, Kamil Kanji (student-at-large)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

Agenda Items

Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Carter Seconded: Ryan

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries.]

Approval of Past Minutes

Moved: Carter Seconded: Danny

That the minutes of November 30, 2020 be approved

[The motion carries.]

I-22: Committee Chairs Transition Reports

Update from the Chair regarding outreach to the HR Committee.

Sebastian: Followed up with Lawrence, he is trying to organize a meeting with his committee to discuss chair transitions. After approval from the HR committee, it will be brought up to council.

I-10: Petition Privacy Policy

Sheldon: Checked in with BC privacy commissioner, seems like no major change needed.

Sebastian: Have heard from Sylvester. Will wait for other contacts to respond before reporting to Council.

I-19: Records Policy

Discussion on bringing I-19 into line with the Bylaw.

I-19: <https://www.ams.ubc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/206-20-Records-Policy-Oct-21-2019-1.pdf>

AMS Bylaw 18: Records: <https://www.ams.ubc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AMS-Bylaws-October2020.pdf>

Sebastian: Bylaw 18 is now more broad than the actual records policy. May need to amend the records policy to be in line with the Bylaw (e.g., new language of “information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in undue financial loss to a third party.”).

Sheldon: Items mentioned as confidential in the Bylaw are not stated in the records policy.

Sebastian: Sheldon could you draft up the amendments?

Sheldon: I am more than happy to!

Other governance issues

Sebastian: Need to develop work items for this term. Could potentially revisit the constituency representation issue. Any other ideas?

Ryan: Exec KPIs is an option. We can review and determine if a clearer definition would be helpful.

Sheldon: Updated the Code and found many inconsistencies and minor practices that aren't followed. Perhaps we could look at amendments. I will draft something.

Ryan: Did we look at all of Cole/Justin's recommendations?

Sebastian: Yes

Sheldon: Did we finish the committee chair transitions business.

Sebastian: It is in HR's hands right now.

Sheldon: There is now a hole in the Bylaws with the creation of the Indigenous committee seat. The bylaws state only constituencies can send a proxy. Technical oversight.

Sebastian: I will reach out to Laura.

Sebastian: TASK: everyone come up with one governance issue that the committee could keep on.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is January 25, 2021.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.