

February 12, 2021 Agenda of the AMS Governance Committee; 4pm

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

## **Attendance**

Present: Sebastian Cooper (Chair), Danny Liu (SUS), Ryan Wong (VSEUS), Katherine Feng (SUS), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council)

Guests: None

Regrets: Carter MacLean (AUS), Kalith Nanayakkara (AMS VP External Affairs), Kamil Kanji (student-at-large)

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:16pm.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved: Katherine                      Seconded: Ryan

That the agenda be adopted.

*[The motion carries.]*

### **Approval of Past Minutes**

Moved: Ryan                      Seconded: Danny

That the minutes of January 18, 2021 and February 2, 2021 be approved.

*[The motion carries.]*

### **I-19: Records Policy**

*Discussion on proposed amendments to Policy I-19 to bring it into line with Bylaw 18.*

Sheldon: This came about because I realized that the Policy didn't match the Bylaw. There was a request for a document that came through the media protocol. The document was released. But I thought that the policy should reflect the bylaw.

Danny: Why do we have language from the bylaws in the policy if it's already in the bylaws?

Sheldon: The lawyers drafted this in 2019 and included this reference to authorities. Since it included then-Bylaw 18, I realized it would make sense to include the updated Bylaw 18.

Sebastian: Have reviewed the language that Sheldon proposed. It maps onto what was in the approved Bylaw change. All agreed to send to Council?

[Unanimously agreed]

Sheldon: I'll send this to Joanne

Sebastian: I will write a rationale document.

## **I-22: Committee Chairs Transition Reports**

*Review of suggested edits by the President, update from HR Committee.*

Sebastian: Cole thinks it would be better to enlarge this Policy so that it contains language for both committee chairs and executives. He is proposing that we then remove the executive transition report language from Code. I understand the rationale, but in some ways I think the Code is more accessible. It's one go-to document. But principally, I'm concerned about timing. I think we need to publish I-22 asap so that chairs know what's expected of them. And I don't feel comfortable transposing the executive transition report language from Code without taking the time to examine it.

Danny: I would prefer for committee and exec transitions to be in the same place

Ryan: Agree that they should be in one place but we need to do it quickly in time for committee chair transitions.

Sebastian: we can put this I-22 in place now so that chairs can start working on their transition reports, then revisit it later this term. Cole suggested review of the policy every 4 years instead of every 2 years. I think it should be revisited sooner to gauge its effectiveness. Cole also suggests a flat fee honorarium for transition reports.

Sheldon: The honorarium language may seem confusing but it makes sense to pay summer and winter chairs differently since the amount they have to transition will be different.

Sebastian: Agreed to keep I-22 as is and bring to Council, with the intention to revisit including executive transition reports in it later?

[Unanimously agreed]

## **I-10: Petition Privacy Policy**

*Resolution to bring results of review (no changes required) to Council.*

Sebastian: Sheldon consulted with the privacy commissioner's office and I have emailed the executives consulted on the last version. No changes have been suggested. Ok to recommend to Council?

Sheldon: I will update the dates on the Policy.

\*unanimous agreement\*

## **Proposed Code changes**

*Discussion on proposed changes to bring Code into line with practice and Bylaw changes. Pick up review of suggested amendments from Clerk of Council. Introduction of suggested amendments from the President.*

First bit done last meeting. Sheldon met with two execs to see if their staff (AVPs) undertook oaths of office and they said no - Section II Article 4 could be removed.

Katherine: Some form of formal acknowledgement that they understand conflict of interest rules is good and it should be done if it currently isn't. Same for councillors.

Sebastian: Can we see what was in the previous Executive guide regarding additional conflict of interest language?

Sheldon: I will look for the old language. I'll also ask Joanne about whether councillors signed an oath this year. Need to make sure people are aware of the rules.

- Section III Article 2.1b - Leave for now
- Section V: Article 3 - approved
  - Sheldon, Ryan: Ombudsperson likely shouldn't be paid extra for chairing elections appeals committee
- Sebastian: No longer need to strike 3g
- Section 6: all executives are now signing officers so it's redundant
- Section 9 article 6: no more student services fund
- Section 10 Article 3i: Redundant
- Section 13 Article 4: Keep as a record of what the vote was. Actual current fees are listed elsewhere.

## **Policy I-9: Executive Goal Setting and Reporting Policy**

*Up for review by Govcomm. Policy:* <https://www.ams.ubc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Policy-I-9-exec-goals-february-may-2019.pdf>

Sebastian: I will reach out to executives - that will provide a starting point.

## **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is February 19, 2021.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.