

## **Minutes of the AMS Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions**

Friday, February 12, 2021

### **Attendance**

Present: Christopher Sundby (chair), Daniel Martin, Sheldon Goldfarb, Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Sylvester Mensah, Sebastian Cooper.

Regrets: Agam Gill

Recording Secretary: Daniel Martin

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved: Georgia Yee    Seconded: Sebastian Cooper

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

#### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Moved: Chris Sundby    Seconded: Georgia Yee

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the January 29, 2021 Committee meeting be approved and sent to AMS Council”

#### **Overview from the Chair**

Chris: Last week Kalit and Lucia updated us on Upass and Health, met with Patricia from Regent about healthcare. Last week we had to cut the meeting short. Ended on looking at who takes the responsibility going forward.

Sylvester: Why did we not agree on VP Admin taking the lead?

Georgia: Had to do with issues being raised. A lot of the problems are with the university, Cole argued it would fit better under VPAUA. Feels at capacity, hard to take on more.

Sylvester: Good to have one point person, VPAdmin has the capacity and is connected enough.

Chris: The point was made that there needs to be a change in the way affiliates are thought about, something systemic. What’s the next step to making our students feel a part of the AMS. Kalith mentioned that there’s a culture that affiliates aren’t thought of as AMS.

Georgia: This committee has been working well.

Sylvester: Once the headway has been made to make this a more permanent committee, there are a lot of things that need to be worked on for affiliates to feel the ownership. It may be worth making this committee permanent. The most important this is working towards addressing the issues. Georgia and I's roles should be permanent on the committee.

Daniel: Mentioned last time that perhaps looking at finding someone to actually permanently list and address the issues and create a plan for moving forward.

Sebastian: Makes sense to add it to a job role now so that it doesn't get lost in the transition.

Georgia: Do we look at adding it specifically to one person's job. It would be good to make this a standing committee that meets at key time periods to address issues and build the connections.

Sheldon: We should look at the list of problems and look for the solutions and address them.

### **10 Item List Discussion**

Sylvester: Surveys come back to affiliates giving information. Only VST has given information. They seem to want to send information themselves. There are capacity issues within VPAUA office.

Daniel: The 10 points were more to help create a permanent working list to pass on rather than specifically add those items to job roles.

Sylvester: The information is more guaranteed to be passed down if this committee continues to exist. Do you want to make this a standing committee?

Daniel: Yes, but not bi-weekly, much less than that, maybe once a month or at certain times.

Chris: Yes, monthly, and look to keep this information going and worked on in that committee.

Cole: There needs to be some reworking of the executive roles, we need to do an overview of roles. The reason I'm cautious about the VP Admin is that in the shakeup, they'll be taking on more work. The VP Admin is going to be responsible for so many things. Also having a bi-weekly is too much. Student life might be a good place to put these discussions, it shifts in what it covers each year. Perhaps that's the committee that takes this on. Over the next couple of years, what do we see executive roles to look like.

Sylvester: Student Life does make sense if this committee doesn't become a permanent one. Agrees with Cole, this would broaden the role of the student life committee.

Chris: The concern with it being put in student life is that it's a hard sell to our successors, it needs to be made very clear.

Cole: Is there something that can happen to ensure the accountability, that stuff is being done. One liners to code tend to be forgotten. It's hard for council to tell if the code is happening.

Sheldon: It could be something like presidents council, that's it's this person's job to meet with them.

Daniel: I like that, make it something like affiliate council that's required to meet 4 times a year and they have to report back to the council.

Chris: Are we recommending it to go to president council or something like it.

Cole: How many times does this committee/council need to meet?

Chris: Definitely when school starts for sure.

Sebastian:

Code amendment, Article 7 Vice President Administration, 1. (j) be the primary contact for Affiliated Colleges, including ensuring that other Executives maintain contact with Affiliated Colleges.

(A) at least once a term, the VP Administration will organise a meeting with representatives of the Affiliated Colleges.

The "point person" idea isn't just for the VP to know their job. It's also to make clear for affiliated colleges who they can go to if they have any issues.

Cole: Extraordinary committee of council, the VP Admin can be the chair, the code amendment added makes the the chair and organizing meetings. Then affiliates can request that another meeting is being held.

Daniel: Can we make sure this committee is required to be called to order once a year?

Cole: Yes, once a semester even. Follow the model for president's council.

Sylvester: That seems to address a lot of the issues and and is clear.

Sheldon: Who sits on this committee?

Cole: All the VPs are relevant as well as affiliate reps.

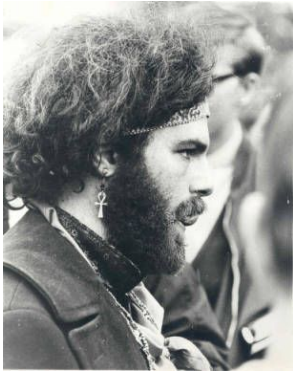
Daniel: Can we require UBC officials be there?

Cole: You can request, but not require.

Sylvester: Fully on board with the recommendation. Let's go with it as is.

(Note that quorum is lost).

### **Liberate the Affiliates!**



Jerry Rubin is watching...

### **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be on February 26th at 3pm.

### **Adjournment**

Moved: Chris                      Seconded: Daniel

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm.