

Minutes of the AMS Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions

Friday, January 29, 2021

Attendance

Present: Christopher Sundby (chair), Daniel Martin, Agam Gill, Sheldon Goldfarb, Cole Evans, Lucia Liang, Kalith Nanayakkara, Georgia Yee.

Regrets: Sylvester Mensah, Sebastian Cooper.

Recording Secretary: Daniel Martin

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Agam Seconded: Chris

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

Cole noted: Daniel will help Chris use the internet and schedule meetings using a Calendar system.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved: Chris Seconded: Agam

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the January 15, 2021 Committee meeting be approved and sent to AMS Council”

Overview from the Chair

Chris: Updated on previous minutes to bring people up to speed.

Cole: Disagrees with the committee’s recommendation.

Daniel: Not that I disagree, but have a recommendation.

Cole: What does tuition look like for Affiliate Schools?

Daniel, Chris, Agam: Not really discussed, it just happens.

Kalith: Let’s change that.

Sheldon: 60 years ago the policy was created to “consult” with UBC students about fee increases.

Updates from Affiliates & Other

- Meeting with Georgia
 - Ways to advocate on matters of policy with Affiliate Colleges
 - List of contacts in progress
 - Create a specific directory for Affiliate Colleges
- List of top 10 issues-Daniel
 - Presented a rough draft.
 - Document to be edited by committee after meeting.
 - Final big question: Should there be a new role for these issues or adding to someone’s existing role?

Kalith: nothing in transition into job role about affiliate colleges, it’s no one’s fault, push members of Affiliate Colleges and create a sense of belonging, a general rhetoric of understanding that AMS members are not just UBC students, want to highlight the systemic reality

Cole: the big thing we need to figure out, it that it’s multifaceted, marks sense for certain people to take the lead on...VPAUA makes sense for most issues to take the lead, there are still things that need to be coordinated, when we think 3 years down the road--it is going to be to easy for Affiliate Colleges to be forgotten, it’s great to get an executive...but perhaps this lives in a committee when things occur. One solution is to make this committee permanent, we’ve seen that certain committees have a purpose..what if we created a student affairs committee (just a thought), bringing it back to what is our purpose--some sort of mechanism in place to facilitate these discussions

Daniel: a committee is a technical fix, is there a systemic one

Chris: discuss this in depth next meeting

Description of Upass

Kalith: with the introduction of subsidies and Covid, things got complicated this semester

Daniel: in general VST tends to view AMS as an opt in rather than opting out, this permeates they systems

Kalith: there is a problem here and let’s work to fix it

Description of Health & Dental

Lucia: as long as a student pays the fees, they are covered, in terms of the opt out, there’s 30 days, stated on Student Care’s website, there’s also a subsidy program run by the GSS, and they



administer the eligibility based on the document provided, Student Care is the administrator of the plan of behalf of GSS and AMS, and are the point of contact, they get their emails from enrolment services

Chris: there are still issues of people not being covered

Lucia: ask us and we can reach out to the Regional Manager

Daniel: Is it possible that with SCC no longer sharing information, that Student Care didn't get the info.

Lucia: Yes, we will ask Student Care to send out an Email to the Affiliate Schools requesting information

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on February 12th at 3pm.

Adjournment

Moved: Agam Seconded: Lucia

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01pm.