



## **Agenda of the AMS Operations Committee**

(Agenda for March 17th, 2021 Meeting @ 2:00 - 3:00 pm | Zoom)

### **Attendance**

Present: Emma Dodyk, Ben Du (Vice-Chair), Katherine Feng (Chair), Sylvester Mensah Jr. (VP Administration), Ghazal Rezaei

Regrets: Alexandra Arbelaez, Lawrence Liu

Guests: None

Recording Secretary: Ben Du

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm.

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved: Ghazal                      Seconded: Emma

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

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Moved: Ben                              Seconded: Emma

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of March 3rd are approved.”

## Agenda Items

### 1. Clubs Constitutions

Moved: Ghazal

Seconded: Emma

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Music for Mental Health @ UBC, UBC German Club, UBC Meditation Community, BPSc Student Club, and AMS Egyptian Student Association (ESA) at UBC are constituted as AMS Clubs.”

This motion passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion: Ubysey article - “Deconstitution a concern for some clubs struggling to engage members and execs”**

**Ben:** The Videoconferencing Grant helped with club operations and financial concerns, leading to many events held on Zoom. Membership retainment and club deconstitution due to inadequate membership continues to be a concern among club executives.

**Sylvester:** Through the Clubs Renewal Form, there’s always a space for clubs to provide an explanation about why they may not have met the current 25-member membership requirement.

**Emma:** Having a space for clubs to write their plans to increase membership in the next year may also help them think about it and take the steps to avoid deconstitution in the future.

#### **Discussion: Club applications - Clubs and Societies Working Group recommendations**

Details regarding the Clubs and Societies Working Group’s club application recommendations can be found in their February 10th and February 18th minutes. The Committee reviewed the club applications and recommendations made by the Clubs and Societies Working Group. Overall, the Committee agreed with the comments and recommendations that C&S made.

**Katherine:** Will send suggestions for feedback to clubs to C&S along with today’s minutes once they’re approved

## **2. Approval of Clubs and Societies Minutes**

Moved: Katherine

Seconded: Ben

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clubs and Societies Working Group minutes of February 10th and 18th are approved.”

**Katherine:** This will go to Council for record-keeping

## **3. Policy Manual Amendments**

**Sylvester:** The Clubs and Societies Working Group was tasked with reviewing the old SAC Policy Handbook and the current Operations Committee Policy Manual, in particular focussing on club bylaws. We have an initial submission of changes.

**Katherine:** The changes are good and will provide better support to clubs. Many club executives have questions when it comes to drafting bylaws and would likely appreciate the option for more guidance from the AMS.

**Ben:** We could consider communicating to club applicants some encouragement to reach out to the Clubs and Societies Working Group for guidance, to prevent the perception of the AMS as being solely regulatory.

**Sylvester:** Yes, that was the intention. Clubs will be notified of this and can contact the AMS about both bylaw changes and guidance. This is supported by the proposed policy changes.

**Ben:** Will these changes be retroactive?

**Sylvester:** Most likely not, due to precedent.

**Katherine:** Sheldon has indicated that retroactive changes are not usually made and would be difficult logistically. Would like to clarify in the language that the working group is not to make decisions about the validity of bylaw changes based on whether they support them or not, but rather solely based on compliance with AMS policy

**Sylvester:** Will add that

**Emma:** Might be better to avoid phrasing the invalid bylaws part as a double negative

**Sylvester:** Will look into changing that

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place from 2:00 - 3:00 pm on March 31st, 2021.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.