

Agenda of the AMS Student Life Committee

Wednesday, April 21st, 2021

Attendance

Present: Agam Gill, Annika Szarka, Christian Bailey, Emmanuel Cantiller, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Ian Stone, Rish Das, Eric Lowe

Regrets: Cole Evans, Lawrence Liu

Recording Secretary: Annika Szarka

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:36pm (PST).

Territorial Acknowledgement

Agam led the acknowledgement.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Sylvester

Seconded: Emmanuel

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

Agenda Items

Grad Class Council Update

- Discuss progress of the Graduating Class Subcommittee and work to be completed this summer.
- **Updates from Agam:**
 - At the last Grad Class Subcommittee meeting, members decided on exploring the creation of some informal, outdoor learning spaces either at one or multiple locations within UBC’s academic core.
 - We are going to work on finalizing the details, such as locations, with Campus and Community Planning to get this project done as soon as possible.
 - We are also exploring opportunities for a funding match from UBC.
 - The completion of this project shouldn’t take too long after we have our meeting with Campus and Community Planning on Friday.
 - The subcommittee will continue to meet and stay in contact until this project is completed.

Items from Events Structure Ad Hoc Committee

- Approval of proposed ToR changes.
 - **Rationale from Agam:** This committee is working on quite a few things and there have been proposed changes to address communication gaps.
 - These changes make things easier for everyone on the SLC to work with.
 - Agam went over the proposed changes with the committee.
 - Main Changes: annual goals and reporting to maintain consistent communications between managers.
 - **Agam:** Questions?
 - **Sylvester:** I'm curious to hear from managers to see if these changes will be able to be followed, will they be able to be maintained?
 - **Rish:** These changes add some structure of their role to this committee, so I do not see any problems with these changes.
 - **Eric:** It adds context to our role on the committee, so I'm happy with the changes.
 - **Agam:** I second what everyone said, I think providing more structure will help with gaps between the managers and Council.

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Student Life Committee's Terms of Reference be amended as presented."

Moved: Annika

Seconded: Christian

This motion was passed unanimously.

- Approval of Following Motion:
 - **Sylvester:** What is the motive for the second motion?
 - **Agam:** This is something I wanted to potentially do with the committee, but it seemed rushed.
 - It encourages the next SLC to consider making changes, not necessarily having to follow through with them.
 - Examples of changes could be adding students at large, members of the GSS, Indigenous representatives, etc.
 - **Sylvester:** I think it would be beneficial to have a GSS member in order to facilitate better communication, but I would be weary about adding too many students.
 - **Agam:** It is still undecided if these members would be voting or non-voting, so maybe having more seats on the committee won't necessarily be a bad

thing. This motion does not confirm a structural change, but can facilitate conversation about it to explore the scope of the committee and how it can better represent students!

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council direct the Student Life Committee to evaluate its membership and determine how to expand representation on it and report back to Council by the first meeting in August.”

Moved: Emmanuel

Seconded: Agam

This motion passed unanimously.

Transition Report

- Debrief on the work of the Student Life Committee this year and discuss what should be included within the transition report to the new committee chair.
 - **Agam:** Chairs are expected to create transition reports, which we will pass on to incoming Chairs so that they don't have to start from scratch and so that we can avoid redundancies in work that is being done with the next Student Life Committee.
 - One section of the transition report that I wanted to run by our committee was the one surrounding goal setting suggestions.
 - Do committee members have any goal suggestions for next year's SLC?
 - **Sylvester:** One of the things my team had wanted to address this year was inclusivity. This is something the committee could take a closer look at.
 - Assuming next year would be going back to somewhat normal, there may be work to be done there.
 - Look to what students want in terms of food options, spaces in the Nest, etc.
 - VP students' office reached out about discussions for a prayer space within the AMS.
 - These are all some items the Student Life Committee could assist with.
 - **Annika:** Something I remember talking with Shivani about was the AMS store/merch - if this is something the next team wants to address, I would say we recommend that they get starting on that sooner rather than later?
 - **Agam:** Yes, the conversation we had with Shivani a few meetings back had a lot of great ideas that the Student Life Committee could definitely get involved with.
 - These are all items I will include in the transition report!



Anything to add?

Have a great summer, everyone!

Adjournment

Moved: Agam

Seconded: Emmanuel

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01PM (PST).