

Minutes of the AMS Steering Committee

June 16, 2021

Attendance

Present: Cole Evans (AMS President), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant), Lauren Benson (AMS VP Administration), Mary Gan (AMS VP Finance), Romina Hajizadeh (Chair of HR Committee), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist)

Regrets: Emily Gubski (Chair of Student Life Committee), Eshana Bhangu (AMS VP Academic and University Affairs), Katherine Feng (Chair of Governance Committee and Operations Committee)

Recording Secretary: Emily Covell (Executive Assistant to the AMS President)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

3. Check-In and Committee Updates

Mary: An update on Finance Committee -- Trying to wrestle through the budget, all the actuals are done and sent out. Hopefully the ball can get rolling more, and we can make some adjustments. We might have to suspend code to allow time to make some changes. Overall, the focus has mostly just been on the budget, and it should probably be that way for the next two or three weeks.

Lauren: An update on Affiliates Committee -- Currently working on some takeaways from the last meeting. Events Committee is to be organized this week.

Romina: An update on HR Committee: First meeting was two weeks ago, and it was a bit chaotic. More emails could have been sent out a bit earlier. Next meeting is this Friday -- to do more goal setting, and meet with some guests.

Cole: Something we [Cole and Romina] might need to touch base on is getting a CEO hired -- as HR meeting is late on Friday, I don't think Praneet will be able to join, so I will probably have to be that connection.

Romina: Getting a CEO hired will be top priority.

Cole: It seems like everyone is working full time with committee's this year, and I will definitely come to as many as possible this summer.

Something that Sheldon has mentioned in the past, is that we might need to create a rule about not setting committee meetings between certain times -- if you have no availability then maybe you shouldn't be sitting on a committee, because you just don't have time. That's not on you at all, it's just something that we should think about in the future.

Another thing I wanted to mention was having a student at large on this committee. We don't have one, but it's okay. I don't think we need one on this committee anymore. I envision it being very boring for a student at large. I just feel like there are better places for a student at large to be in the AMS, instead of this particular committee.

Sheldon: We can certainly do it, would require a code change of course. From an archivist point of view, Steering Committee is pretty new, and the composition has always been the same, but it can certainly change.

Cole: Was originally for strategic planning I think, but now it feels like this committee is better for agenda setting, council setting, and organizing -- it works better for that stuff.

Mary: Yeah I agree, I don't think there needs to be one because it might be kind of awkward for them if we are just sharing as committee heads what we are bringing to council. They might feel like, 'oh I'm not the head of a committee so what am I bringing?'

Cole: I don't have much else to add, anyone else?

Sheldon: Do you want to ask if people have anything for the upcoming council?

Cole: Anything for the upcoming council? No? Okay then.

Something to start thinking about, for committee heads, is goals for the year. Hopefully we can bring them to a meeting soon -- the July 21st meeting would be ideal.

Sheldon: One thing I can add is that governance might add a whole remote attendance thing. That might come up, and it might require a code change -- I don't know if you're going to that Cole.



Cole: Sounds good, I will probably go, but haven't gotten an invite yet or anything.

Cole: Thanks everybody, will talk to you later, goodnight.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on July 7th, 6:00pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm.