



Agenda of the AMS Operations Committee
(Agenda for August 30th, 2021 Meeting at 7:30pm | [Zoom](#))

Attendance

Present: Katherine Feng, Emily Reid, Emily Masse, Lauren Benson

Regrets: Sanjana Bedi, Ada Ang, Lucy Li

Guests: Oluwakemi Oke (AMS Ombudsperson)

Recording Secretary: Emily Reid

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM

Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Emily Masse

Seconded: Lauren Benson

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted.”

Agenda Items

1. Club Appeals Update

Katherine: Is there any information still needed from the clubs that need to be reconstituted?

Lauren: Everything from the clubs renewal process. I believe Tommy (Clubs Admin) has gotten in touch with them.

2. Room 3312 Hallway Floor Repair:

Katherine: Damage was done to the floor, repairs are needed. Quote from Vince (Building Operations Manager) is \$480+GST. Building Operations is confident that the damage comes from the table tennis club dragging a table and the club account would be charged.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Table Tennis Club account is charged with \$480+GST for the cost of refinishing the floor.”

Move: Emily Masse

Second: Lauren Benson

Motion passed unanimously

Unanimous approval to move the Ombudsperson report ahead in the agenda since the guest is here

3. Ombudsperson Investigation Report

Emily Reid moves to move in camera

Emily Masse seconds

The Committee moved in camera.

Emily Masse motions to stay in camera

Lauren seconds

The motion failed and the Committee moved out of camera.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report on the Ombudsperson’s investigation is approved.”

Move: Katherine

Second: Lauren

Motion passed unanimously

Oluwakemi: The Ombudsperson’s office has not received procedural fairness training and has not yet this year.

Katherine: Operations Committee should as well (recommendations 2 and 3 of Policy I-18) and also has not. Will bring this up. Important training, especially for the Ombudsperson’s office.

4. Club Grants

Lauren: Last year, the video conferencing grant was started for use of Zoom and other call software. The goal with the new benefit is to expand to Slack and other platforms. Clubs could apply to this fund and specify the platforms they would like access to. Hopefully some of this fund could go towards PPE as well, supplying clubs directly or through fulfilment of specific requests. Both an admin and operations committee goal. The third part was originally made to prevent clubs from losing members, but this was made before the restrictions changed. We are currently working on an additional benefit to help clubs use software.

Emily Masse: I support the grants. Do we know how many clubs will be relying on platforms versus meeting in-person and requesting PPE?

Lauren: Approximately 50% of clubs are expected to want the online platforms

Katherine: How much money will clubs use? Will the amount from the previous be changed?

Lauren: Hopefully this grant can be expanded to cover more platforms. Have not had a chance to look at pricing for the platforms. Not exactly sure what the amount was before.

Katherine: Last year the grant was meant to be used for any software, at about \$60 per club based on Zoom Pro pricing. It would make sense that fewer clubs would be applying

this year since clubs will likely want to meet in person. It would therefore make sense that the amount for videoconferencing is reduced.

Lauren: It makes sense that we could shift this funding to the PPE grant, and if things change further we could re-expand the grant

Katherine: What exactly would helping clubs get back to campus through grants look like?

Lauren: Providing webinars, tutorials on online events, training seminars. This would not be simply giving clubs money in general as this is the job of the Clubs Benefit Fund.

Katherine: Is a cost estimate or get a timeline for when we could receive this estimate? The next meeting will be after school starts and it would probably be most helpful to clubs to know there's a grant as early as possible. An email vote could also be conducted if necessary.

Lauren: An email vote would be preferred, as I cannot get an estimate for this meeting

Emily Reid: Based on how dynamic the situation is, I think having the money fluid and being able to provide it for different purposes (software, sanitizer) would be very important

Emily Masse: This is a good way to help clubs with the changing restrictions

Katherine: How much is currently in the Clubs Benefit Fund?

Lauren: \$98,129

Other business:

Katherine: Next scheduled Operations Committee is the last meeting in the summer term, on the 13th. Councillors will have to be reappointed to committees at AMS Council on the 15th. Students at large, your term ends then and the form to be appointed to committees should be on the AMS website soon if you are interested in seeking appointment again.

Emily Reid: Will we be meeting in-person? We would have the new Covid restrictions in place so members would need at least one vaccine

Katherine: Would people be interested in having an in-person meeting? Will check rules and confirm via email.

Positive feedback from all attending members

Katherine: Any other items to put on the agenda for the next meeting? You can also email me items as usual.

Lauren: There's a club affiliated with the Liberal party that is in violation of AMS Policy because membership fees have to be charged, but political parties are not allowed to collect membership fees. Apparently this is a legal violation. We'll have to look into amending the policy manual.

Emily Reid: I've seen a Conservatively affiliated club that may also have these same issues. It would be worth looking into all political clubs.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be on September 13th at 7:30pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.