



Minutes of the AMS Governance Committee
(Minutes for October 18th, 2021 Meeting at 11am | [Zoom](#))

Attendance

Present: Kamil Kanji, Alina B, Romina Hajizadeh, Sheldon, Shadia

Regrets: Rebecca, Cole, Saad, Katherine

Guests:

Recording Secretary: Shadia

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:07pm.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Shadia

Seconded: Alina

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted.”

Agenda Items

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Kamil Seconded: Shadia

“BE IT RESOLVED the Governance Committee meeting minutes of September 13 are approved”

3. Selection of Committee Vice-Chair

No one nominated. This item is postponed to next week.

4. Student Services Manager on Finance Committee

According to code, there is no objection for SSM to be a member of the Finance Committee . However, decisions made or discussed on Student Services, Mitchel needs to declare/announce conflict of interest.

SSM to serve on Finance Committee, is it a conflict of interest or do we trust that SSM would recuse himself on items relating to Conflict of Interest? Does that affect quorum? SSM will be present, and will count at quorum, unless he is asked to leave. Overall 7 members on the committee. Can SSM be replaced by another member? It could, but he wanted to run on this committee.

This issue will be discussed with the absent members in order to make a final decision. Add this item in the next meeting.

5. Council Agenda Order

Context - in the last AMS, there was a motion to change the order of items on the agenda, especially moving up the discussion. This will not change the duration of the meeting.

Pending motion - limiting the number of questions, make it maybe 5 or removing the limit on questions.

We should consult an executive member on this.

Alina and Romina propose keeping a limited number of questions, maybe 5, but not to have an unlimited number of questions.

Approve the rest of changes now, and leave the motion on increased number of questions per item to 5 for the following week. This gives us time to consult with an executive member.

Be it resolved that the Governance Committee recommends Council to adopt proposed changes to agenda.

Moved: Shadia Seconded Alina

All in favor.

6. Advisory Board Updates

Advisory Board used to be outside committee members that advises the council. Main duty - provide advice to executives.

One line addition - "if the chair of the Advisory Board is not the president, they are to attend meetings of the Executive Committee Meeting by invitation."

Questions 1 If it is by invitation, should there be an outline or guide about this in case the Advisory Board Chair is not the president?

Question 2 If there are similar exchanges of roles in the two bodies (AB and EC), how does it affect the intended purpose of the Advisory Board (providing advice to Executive Committee)? If the roles are within the same members, this negates the advice brought by external members.

Have another discussion on this with Cole about the questions raised.

7. Governance Committee Review

Next Meeting

The next meeting is TBD

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59am.