

Minutes of the AMS Steering Committee

September 8th, 2021

Attendance

Present: Cole Evans (AMS President), Katherine Feng (Chair of Governance Committee and Operations Committee), Mary Gan (AMS VP Finance), Romina Hajizadeh (Chair of HR Committee)

Regrets: Lauren Benson (AMS VP Administration), Eshana Bhangu (AMS VP Academic and University Affairs), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Emily Gubski (Chair of Student Life Committee), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant)

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm.

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the August 18th Steering Committee meeting be approved and sent to AMS Council”

5. Committee Goals

Cole: Is everybody good with the goals?

Everyone: Approved.

6. Committee Updates/Council Agenda

Katherine: Operations Committee and Governance Committee Updates,

- Minutes and monthly report for August going to council.

- Council agenda changes will go to next council.
- Operations, nothing to submit to council.

Romina: HR Committee Updates,

- We are also going to submit our monthly report and minutes, as well as an update on Oscar's hours.

Mary: Finance Committee Updates,

- We are going to bring a budget amendment for the VP AUA office to council.
- Going to have the Q1 hopefully for this council.
- Also typical minutes and reports.

Cole: Some other things,

- Equity Plan may go to council, Strategic Plan presentation will be there, and by Wednesday we will know what the next committees are.
- We are going to bring the motion to overturn the results of the 2014 referendum for the brewery project, which will be on the agenda for next meeting.
- We are going to set the AGM dates.

7. Update on Vaccine Policy

Cole: I think we are not going to update any AMS policies, because the provincial health order is pretty substantial and pretty clear. We definitely don't need an actual policy, at least for right now.

Katherine: Does a club meeting count as an organized indoor event for recreational purposes? (A club event versus an actual meeting).

Cole: If you look at the actual guidance from the province, the ministry did say, if you're unsure, use your judgement. I think the best approach is, send an email, outline what the rules are, and let clubs sort of enforce it. Emily will send out the presentation that we got from the ministry after this meeting.

If you're doing an organized activity that is discretionary and open to your membership, or open to the public, I would say vaccines should be a requirement. If you are having private meetings, maybe then you don't need to be vaccinated.

Katherine: One other question, my understanding was that there was supposed to be a vote going regarding I7?

Cole: Since the situation is so fluid with UBC, and we have been getting new guidance from UBC and from the province, it didn't make sense to send out an updated policy. We are just going to wait for now -- I don't think we will need to do anything.

Katherine: I think the AMS could be more clear to clubs, and it would help if we could have something on our own as well maybe.

Cole: Yes, I would suggest that you reach out to Lauren about this.

8. Transitions

Cole: Is anyone not planning on returning for one or all of their committees as chair next term?

Romina: I might be.

Katherine: I am thinking I will reduce.

Cole: Just make sure that if you're not re-elected, or do not nominate yourself, you're preparing a light transition report for your predecessor. You'll probably be giving the one that you received -- just outline what you did over the summer and some direction. I'm going to leave the responsibility to you guys to notify your student at larges that they must renominate themselves.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.