

Governance Committee: Report To Council

March 22, 2023; Drafted by: Audrey Chow

Summary

The Governance Committee has:

- discussed structure and implementation of the Elections Appeals Committee
- reviewed policies SR1 and SR2 as required
- discussed and suggested updates to various elections procedures to maintain inclusivity and fairness
- discussed the MoU between AMS and UBC in regards to student senate elections
- discussed ways to improve record keeping and transparency of financial motions at committee

Activities of the Committee

Meeting Date	Summary of Topics Discussed	Actions
August 15, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revision of Elections Appeals Committee Code Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Input from Speaker of Council, current chair of Elections Appeals committee - Discussion on student senate elections and looking at the MoU between UBC and AMS 	Governance Committee directed the Clerk of Council to draft changes to Elections Appeals Code Change
August 22, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved the Elections Appeal Committee Structure - Discussed minor changes to the AMS-UBC Student Senate elections MoU - Began discussion on SR1 Privacy policy 	<p>Governance Committee sent the following motion to Council “BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Governance Committee accepts the document entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Elections Appeals Committee August 15th’ and recommend to Council that the motion be adopted as presented.”</p> <p>Referred the Student Senate MoU to President’s Council with suggestions for possible edits</p>
October 6, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reintroduced Governance Committee to new 	

	<p>membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appointed Alina Bhimji as Vice-Chair 	
<p>October 13, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved adding space for pronouns on the ballot - Approved changes to SR2 - Reviewed feedback from Council on the Elections Appeal Committee Structure - Approved changes to the nomination structure 	<p>Sent the following motion to Council “BE IT RESOLVED THAT Governance Committee approve the code change “Code Changes 2022 Pronouns” and thus recommend to Council that Code be amended.”</p> <p>Sent the following motion to Council “BE IT RESOLVED THAT Governance Committee approve the Policy Amendment ‘Policy Amendments 2022 SR2 Records’ as presented and recommend to Council that the Policy be amended.”</p> <p>Sent the following motion to Council BE IT RESOLVED THAT Governance Committee approves the Code Change "Code Changes 2022 Nominations" be approved as presented and recommend to council that code be amended.</p> <p>Directed the Clerk of Council to draft further changes to Elections Appeals Code Change</p>
<p>October 27, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further discussion on the Elections Appeals Committee and how it would be implemented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When would the committee be appointed and how should we guide conflicts of interest - Approved Code Change that requires committees to report to Council any financial decisions for record keeping purposes - Conversation about how elections could be better based on last year. Specifically around hiring and transitions 	<p>Sent the following motion to Council: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Governance Committee accepts the Code Change entitled “Code Changes 2022 Money Motions at Committees” as presented and recommend that Council amend Code.</p>

<p>November 17, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved Code change to restrict referendum campaigning to AMS members - Further discussion on Elections Appeals Committee - Discussion on training, support, and supervision of EA 	<p>Sent the following motion to Council: “BE IT RESOLVED THAT Governance Committee accepts the report entitled Code Changes 2022: Referendum Campaigning and recommends that Council amend code”</p> <p>Governance Committee directed the Clerk of Council to draft new Code Changes to reflect conversations</p>
<p>December 1, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved changes to Elections Appeals Code Change - Updated Code Change on reporting money motions with clarification on timeline to report to Council - Final discussion on EA support and hiring 	<p>Sent the following motion to Council: “BE IT RESOLVED THAT Governance Committee accepts the report entitled ‘CODE CHANGES 2022 ELECTIONS APPEALS COMMITTEES’ and recommends that Council amend code.”</p> <p>Sent the following motion to Council: “BE IT RESOLVED THAT Governance Committee accepts the report entitled ‘CODE CHANGES 2022 MONEY MOTIONS AT COMMITTEES’ and recommends that Council amend code.”</p> <p>Chair to suggest changes to EA on support and resources</p>
<p>February 6, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on Candidate and Referenda handbooks and the oversight of changes made to them - Discussed further changes to Elections Appeals Committee from Council feedback 	<p>Sent the following motion to Council: “BE IT RESOLVED THAT Governance Committee accepts the report entitled Code Changes 2023: Elections Appeals Committee as amended and recommend that Council amend code.”</p>