



Minutes of the Operations Committee

December 8, 2022

6:00 PM PDT

Attendance

Present: Ben Du (Vice President Administration), Thomas Dunsmore (Councilor for Commerce), Rachael Peng (Student at Large), Katherine Feng (Councilor for Science), Kana Kawanishi (Councilor for Forestry), Cissy Zhang (Councilor for Land and Food Systems)

Regrets: Tim Vong (Student at Large)

Guests: None

Recording Secretary: Thomas Dunsmore

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM PDT.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

Moved: Ben Seconded: Thomas

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

This motion passes unanimously.

Agenda Items

1. Indigenous Business Association Application

Ben: We are revisiting this application. We took a bit of extra time to get all of the documents and research together to make an informed decision.

Thomas: I know from the CUS perspective, we are intending on making it an affiliated club. I stand by my initial opinion of wanting to approve.

Ben: Thanks for the CUS perspective. I did some past research and saw that there used to be one before Covid, but it fell off, like many other clubs, over the pandemic.

Katherine: Moving ahead, having activity clubs for each identity groups is continuing to be a thing we see increasingly. Currently, we are just working off judgement call. We should develop a proper code and understanding of what can be put forward because of the level of clubs that we are seeing with identity and culture.

Thomas: We want to make sure everyone is represented, but if we have too many clubs, theres a chance that attendance in each one will get lower.

Ben: When we get new club applications, we look into the question asking what brings the unique perspective to the AMS. Its pretty vague right now how we can answer that question, its pretty subjective. If the committee wants to find a guideline or way to ensure they are properly evaluated, we can find a way to do so.

Katherine: Definitely something we should work on. One more question, there was a previous application that was denied by a non-Indigenous individual who tried to start an Indigenous club. We dont have any guidelines right now about who is able to become a club executive, is that a concern?

Ben: Yes, every member of a club is eligible for an executive position. We can work on fixing this moving forward. Club members can report anything to the clubs administration team and there is power to remove people from their executive position if something goes on. This is a more reactive approach, so we are looking into other ways to solve this.

Moved: Kana

Seconded: Cissy

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operations Committee approve and formally constitute the Indigenous Business Association as an AMS Club effective immediately"

This motion passes unanimously.

2. Policy Manual Revisions

Supporting documentation: 1005_Resource Centre Plan 'A'-1.pdf

Ben: Should we be doing these changes at meetings, or asynchronous?

Thomas: asynchronous and we can collaborate and discuss controversial changes here.

Ben: I like that, lets do a timeline and have assigned per week. We can flag what we want to discuss.

3. Communal Piano Discussion

Ben: We have gone through an extensive process. Some background, we were able to get some quotes from student residence. They are the same ones that were brought by Thomas a few weeks ago for consideration. We would release funding from the SUB Repair Fun. It is less than 5% so we dont need to go to council.

Thomas: Yes, these look the same as the ones we brought but its good to know they hold up well with consistent utilization.

Ben: It was good to see the similarities, yes. As for the disposal, they will do an easy one when they install. We could donate, but its in such a bad state we might not want to consider that. I am working on a quote for a bench, but we can do a vote later on when we have everything in order.

Kana: When will we get the piano?

Ben: Not sure yet, we will need to look into it and the timeline. Thomas we can create a background document and get the info we need moving forward. Keep an eye out within the next few weeks to release funding.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38PM PST.