



Minutes of the Operations Committee

March 30, 2023

6:00 PM PDT

Attendance

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

Regrets: Tim Vong (Student at Large), Katherine Feng (Councilor for Science)

Guests: None

Recording Secretary: Thomas Dunsmore

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM PDT.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

Moved: Ben Seconded: Kana

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

This motion passes unanimously.

Agenda Items

1. New Club Applications

Supporting documentation (1): CSWG January 2023 Application Intake

The Operations Committee reviewed suggestions from the Clubs and Societies Working Group regarding more new club applications.

Ben: There are three golf club applications. We are just looking to approve one. Merging can be an option, but we often need all parties to agree and it can get complicated.

Rachael: In terms of applications, I like the second one best. The events and goals seem clearly laid out.

Thomas: I agree with the second one, they have the most clear plan and vision for the club

Kana: Nice to see that the second one already has plans to get subsidies for equipment and get sponsorships for renting and selling equipment, good for all levels of gold. Makes the sport very accessible.

Moved: Thomas Seconded: Cissy

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operations Committee approve and formally constitute the new club applications: AMS Gold Club at UBC (*Response ID attached for clarity of which one*)"

This motion passes unanimously.

Cissy: It seems like they have a bit too large of a mandate and not focused enough

Kana: Perhaps there is overlap between other cultural clubs as well

Thomas: It doesn't seem specific enough to approve. The events need to reflect their mandate more, it doesn't seem to align with their application.

Kana: They should be more specific overall. Tell us what they are doing that helps support.

Moved: Ben Seconded: Kana

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operations Committee decline the following new club application: *Azure Club at UBC.*"

This motion passes unanimously.

Moved: Thomas Seconded: Ben

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operations Committee approve the following new club applications: *Luxury and Retail Association @ UBC.*"

This motion passes unanimously.

Moved: Cissy Seconded: Kana

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operations Committee decline the following new club applications: *AMS She Lifts and Kim-Suhan-Moon.*"

This motion passes unanimously.

2. Club Elections and Membership Period Discussion

Supporting documentation: Not applicable.

Ben: This is an issue regarding an existing election, but also affects clubs in a larger context. The first thing is that there is a provision in clubs that allows AMS members to purchase a membership at any time, meaning you can join a club at any time. The provisions also state that elections of execs must be held with electoral procedures in bylaws, but also ones in the manual. All active members of AMS are eligible for club executive positions, and those are the three main pieces of context we need for this discussion.

The concern is that we have a number of clubs reporting they create a community for marginalized groups, but there is potential for someone to join a club, even when they aren't a part of a marginalized community, and then they are able to run for president of executives of that club. They can do this even if they weren't part of a club previously.

Another issue is that if I want to join a club, you can tell your friends to join and just pay a fee, vote, and then vote you in as an executive if you invite a bunch of people.

Should we have a time interval of eligibility to vote after joining a club? It still causes issues if people can join in advance.

Kana: In JA, we hold an election within our executive members. From execs, we vote on who becomes president and such. For remaining positions, we recruit and interview.

Ben: Might be hard if we only have a few clubs with a few execs

Kana: Would it be better if we limit the last chance to join a club to January?

Ben: Naton and I were thinking that if we join a club, we can only vote 30 days after your joining date. It limits to an extent. How about for people running?

Cissy: Same rule sounds good to me

Thomas: If someone wanted to join as a First Year Representative, would we have an issue in September since most elections happen pretty early on?

Ben: We can add in exceptions by the Operations Committee

3. Clubs Fair Report

Supporting documentation (1): Clubs Fair Post-Event Report

Ben: Last agenda item, Clubs Fair in September was a great way to revitalize the event. Behind the scenes we have been working on a report and it would be great to get your feedback so that next year's team can use it. It clarifies confusion and has important recommendations for next year's team. Please review the table of contents for feedback.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM PST.