

## **Governance Committee Minutes**

October 16th 2023

**Present: Salva Sherif (Vice-Chair), Kareem Hassib, Kamil Kanji, Aki Kamoshida, Julianna Jou (Student-at-Large), Dr. Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)**

**Absent: Ayesha Irfan (Chair), Thomas Dunsmore**

**Guest(s): Esmé Decker (President of AMS)**

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved: Salva      Seconded: Kamil

### **3. Personalized Land Acknowledgement**

Given by Salva Sherif

### **4. Approval of minutes**

- Meeting minutes from:
  - September 25, 2023
    - A minor change to better specify the indigenous constituency was made on the suggestion of Esmé.

Moved: Aki      Seconded: Salva

### **5. Discussion Items**

- Councillor Safety and Guest Decorum Discussion
  - Salva quickly introduces the discussion items and says that these items were put onto the agenda due to prior council meetings.
  - Mentions that certain behaviours have made the council feel less safe.
  - Relevant code has been put on the Onboard agenda by the Chair.
  - Kamil states that there should ideally be more clarity regarding specific rules due to the vagueness in existing code and procedure. Further mentions possibly bringing council guest speaking rights in-line with other

organisations due to Councilors having a fiduciary duty to remain respectful and maintain decorum.

- Aki shares concerns on the strength of these measures and whether softer measures should be used. Also suggests empowering the Speaker more, rather than limiting guests more.

Motion to move in-camera due to sensitive and confidential topics:

Moved: Salva

Seconded: Aki

Third: Kamil

All further discussion occurred in-camera.

- In-Camera Guidelines Discussion

All discussion occurred in-camera.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Next Meeting will be on October 23rd, 2023 from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM.