

Governance Committee Minutes

October 30 2023

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

Absent:

Guest(s): Christian Kyle (Strategy and Governance Lead)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

- The agenda is modified by *unanimous consent* to remove the affiliate non-voting seats motion due to the motivator not being present.

3. Personalized Land Acknowledgement

Given by Ayesha Irfan

4. Approval of minutes

- Meeting minutes from:
 - October 23, 2023

Moved: Salva Seconded: Kareem

5. Approval of Changes

- Council Limits on Speaking and Time Code Change
 - Kareem asked a clarifying question regarding two clauses and allotted times.

Moved: Kamil Seconded: Aki

- Motions and Electronics Code Change
 - Yuki asks for clarification regarding the motivation for the code change.

- CK, Kamil, and Esmé clarify that the motivation is to bring procedure into line with how other boards function.
- Yuki then asks if votes would then become anonymous due to it being in-camera.
- CK, Kamil, Ayesha mention precedence and to prevent confidential information from being revealed out of camera. Sheldon further clarifies that the code change states “may”, thus votes can be publicly revealed.
- Salva states that votes being anonymous by default may be preferable.
- Aki believes that the votes should be public by-default, with the discussion in-camera.
- Kareem asks whether this would actually change procedure currently? Kamil and Salva clarify that motions would need to be out of camera then, opening up further conversation.
- Ayesha insists that it would be better to have the entire issue in-camera.
- Sheldon asks if the minutes would have appointments then, Kamil responds that it would be announced out of camera.
- Yuki asks if the Council is obligated to do so. CK and Kamil state that it would be weird to have new staff without any announcement.
- Kareem shares some of his experience within BoG and how votes are anonymous there. Esmé also shares that it would be a smoother experience if it would all be in-camera.

Moved: Aki Seconded: Kareem

6. Discussion Items

- Councillor Safety and Guest Decorum Pt 3

Motion to move in-camera:

Moved: Aki Seconded: Kareem Thirded: Kamil

- Ayesha invites the President and the President’s officer (CK) in-camera.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Next Meeting will be on November 6, 2023 from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM.