[ CODE AND POLICY MEETING ]

Date: November 28th, 2017
Time: 5:30-6:30 PM
Location: ALSSC ROOM 103

I. Attendance

Present:
Michelle Tse - VP Administration
Wendy Guo - AMS Representative
Ronan Kerr - Astronomy Representative
Sean Jeong - Biochemistry Representative
Daniel Lam - Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences + Environmental Sciences Representative
Akhil Krishnan - Member-at-Large
Kim Vu - AVP Administration

Regrets:
Caroline Sutton - Member-at-Large

II. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31PM.

III. Amendments to the Agenda

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Daniel, Seconded by Ronan.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.”

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V. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Wendy, Seconded by Ronan.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following meeting minutes be adopted as presented:

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VI. Article 5 Restructure
Michelle: Events based committees like RXN, Science Grad, First Week were in question

Daniel: Having a third category of “committees” called “extraordinary committees” that would be standing but not mandated to meet every week. The AMS used to have that but they got rid of it. It would be useful for us. We look at standing committees differently than other constituencies because standing committees should be the committees that are absolutely required. In SUS standing committees are just permanent committees. One of the ideas was to have working groups.

Wendy: This would apply to academic as well.

Daniel: The working group would be comprised of, for example, social committee.

Wendy: Social would be all the events so we would have sub groups like creative committee under it. They would do their own work and then report back to a main committee.

Ronan: Support having a big social committee and then having Sci grad, rxn and other events under it.

Wendy: If you group the committees based on the type of event they’re working on and then having different levels, it would be more effective.

Michelle: So RXN for example was something that ran in the summer when there is no council?

Wendy: RXN should be its own separate event since it’s planned over the summer.

Sean: So under social committee they would have subcommittees?

Ronan: Soco, creco and spoco don’t share a lot. So that means different working groups would be under them. RXN would not be under this.

Michelle: First Week and RXN should be grouped together because they’re run at the same time.

Ronan: It would make sense to make a sub committee for them. We want a large committee to meet and oversee and then a working group under them that actually plans the event.

Michelle: How would overseeing help them?

Ronan: Maybe they need more help with organizing in terms of finance and direction.

Wendy: Using this scenario, you could just appoint members onto the “Social” Committee. This means all stuff would be approved by councillors.

Kim: We should name this type of standing committee the “Student Life Committee”.

Michelle: The best reason at this time for a big standing committee in charge of this so that we can increase the members at large organizing events.

Wendy: I think for working groups we can definitely hire more members at work because their goal is just to do the work and for the standing committee they make sure all the rules are followed and the event will run okay.

Ronan: Will facilitate cooperation between each of the working groups so that they don’t overlap.

Akhil: This structure would increase financial accountability.

Ronan: Should First Week be under Student Life as well since it’s event based?

Michelle: Student life should run the three working groups (social, sports and creative) but there should be a separate committee for First Week and RXN.
Wendy: Maybe it should be an extraordinary committee instead because they must be mandated to meet year after year.

Michelle: It should be extraordinary and it should be figured out for the summer but it would be nice to have someone overseeing all of it.

Daniel: You can have an extraordinary committee filled and not meet.

Michelle: It’s nice because it’s most of these committees are already filled with members-at-large. If summer council happens then they can facilitate all this. There should be one for communications and academic. Academic has MHAC, HEWE and Conference that are all event based.

Kim: Should there be a separate committee for events and then the Academic committee where they talk about grievances?

Akhil: It should be all under the academic committee because it would encourage councillors to attend the meetings.

Michelle: I’m just worried that they wouldn’t have enough meetings to constantly oversee everything.

Akhil: But right now it’s up to her prerogative?

Michelle: They’re only meeting once a month but this purpose seems to be different.

Akhil: But right now they’re not doing anything.

Ronan: Their point is for academic grievances.

Michelle: It’s usually only for academic topics and purposes. Maybe we should have a separate committee that’s smaller for Academic Events.

Ronan: We should have an academic committee that works once a month. As for the one that involves events it should be a different name — “Academic Development and Wellbeing”.

Akhil: We shouldn’t make their structures too complicated because it will be abandoned if it is too hard to follow.

Wendy: Right now the academic committee is just the council talking about academic grievances so maybe we should change that.

Michelle: I remember someone saying that academic committee would only be in council but it was not accepted.

Akhil: Proposing to disband or merge the current academic committee.

Daniel: During academic committee talked about how to advertise academic resources.

Wendy: This committee will have 4 working groups and would not have 24...

Ronan: The reason why academic committee has all councillors is because the academic problems should be discussed by all.

Sean: What if there’s a problem like the compsci problem?

Wendy: If someone brings it up then it gets brought to the committee and decides if it should be brought to council and then the committee chair submit it to council and all the councillors can talk about it.

Michelle: The purpose of keeping it at the time were just so that they would continue being improved so how does submitting problems like this make it better?

Wendy: I was against academic committee disbanding because I thought that there would be no avenue for these grievances to be brought up.

Ronan: I think the problem with discussing academic grievances in council is that the
environment is not conducive for these issues.

- Sean: So basically the standing committee would be in many portfolios.
- Michelle: We should have another one for communications because they have a lot of staff. We have been asked why so many councillors have to be in these staff roles.
- Wendy: There should be a commission instead. I noticed that the VP and AVP Communications have a lot of work thrown on them with delegating their staff so I’m trying to see if they can oversee their staff in different categories. Communications cannot have councillors because not everyone can do the job so we should just hire a commission.
- Ronan: The difference is that the others have events and Communications only have staff.
- Michelle: Marketing is a committee right now and it should be made into a commission and also sales, I believe would be better run as a commission.
- Wendy: We should have a committee that isn’t mandated to meet but is present for the entire year. For example, RXN, would only meet over the summer till they finish the event.
- Michelle: Then you would only have RXN under Student Life but not under a different summer committee?
- Wendy: Yeah.
- Wendy: Have the summer committees report to the VP and that would fix the problem.
- Michelle: So should sciweek and scigrad be run separately as well?
- Wendy: Let's call all of these extraordinary committees but then have several report.

VII. Speaker of Council

- Michelle: Article 16 for this for now but it won’t be article 16 forever. Antony worked on what he wanted in code for the speaker of council and it’s based on the AMS.
- Akhil: This would be assume that it would be under a non-voting member of council article?
- Michelle: Depends on what we do

1. Speaker of Council
   a. The Speaker of Council shall be a non-voting member of Council appointed by a Two-Thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources. The Speaker’s term of office shall be from the first meeting in October until the final meeting in April (i.e., the Annual General Meeting).
   b. The Speaker shall not hold any other elected, staff or appointed position in the Society, including positions within clubs under the Society. A Speaker who becomes a candidate for an elected position within the Society or any of its clubs immediately ceases to hold the position of Speaker.
   c. The Speaker shall:
      c.1 Chair all general meetings of the Society and meetings of Council;
      c.2 Ensure, to the best of his or her ability, adequate security and order for the chamber and the contents therein during, and immediately before and after, Council meetings; and
c.3 Have such other duties as are outlined in the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

d. The Speaker shall not be the Spokesperson of Council. As prescribed by Code Article 2, Section 3(i)(b), the President at all times is the Spokesperson of the Society and of Council.

e. In the absence of the Speaker, the President or the President’s designate shall chair Council meetings, provided that Council, however, may, by Two-Thirds (2/3) Resolution, elect an alternate chair.

- Wendy: Wouldn’t it be plagiarised?
- Akhil: Maybe just draw inspiration from it but write it yourself.
- Michelle: Maybe not motion to add it in this meeting but reword it and rewrite it so we can recommend it next time

VIII. Committee Reports and Motions

Moved by Ronan, Seconded by Sean.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAPC table all committee motions to next meeting.”

...MOTION PASSES
Moved by , Seconded by.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Code and Policy Committee recommends to Council the changes in Articles 13.”

Moved by, Seconded by.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Code and Policy Committee recommends to Council the changes in Articles 2, Section 3.”

Moved by, Seconded by.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Code and Policy Committee recommends to Council the changes in Articles 3.”

Moved by, Seconded by.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Code and Policy Committee recommends to Council the changes in Articles 5.”

IX. Discussion Period

X. Adjournment
Moved by Akhil, Seconded by Sean.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:32PM.”

... MOTION PASSES.

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