[ CODE AND POLICY MEETING ]

Date: January 9th, 2018
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
Caroline Sutton - Member-at-Large
Kim Vu - AVP Administration

Regrets:

Akhil Krishnan - Member-at-Large

II. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 PM.

III. Amendments to the Agenda

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

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

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V. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

VI. Timeline for Term 2

   a. 12 meetings left!
      i. Want to get Restructure done ASAP- start writing in code the draft
         ii. Council in the summer- need to start

Ronan enters.

VII. A few amendments to Code
VIII. Article 6 Restructure

- Michelle: Under Internal, we have Elections, FYC and HR.
- Wendy: In the AMS, HR is a standing committee.
- Michelle: It’s 4 people in HR right now and they’re hiring everything.
- Wendy: 4 people is basically a committee.
- Michelle: I think if we have an “internal committee” then we have have HR as a working group and then they would report to internal committee.
- Wendy: I don’t think it would be the same thing because they don’t work events.
- Michelle: I’m asking if we should link the three under Internal.
- Daniel: I don’t think so because they’re very different.
- Wendy: Do we have two sets of EAs?
- Michelle: We have only one set that works for the entire year. In external we have Community Engagement, Careers and Professional Development, and Corporate Relations. They work in a “working group status” since some of them don’t have councillors. Careers and Pro-D is ad hoc right now but I think they want to be standing next year.
- Caroline: Does CorpRel have councillors?
- Michelle: No.
- Wendy: Corporate Relations starts early in the summer because of the events happening in the summer.
- Michelle: I’m going to keep the committee structure of Finance and Administration the same. Communications has Sales, Marketing, First Week and a lot of staff (videographers, webmaster, photographers, graphics design etc.). They wanted to make Marketing and Sales as a commission instead of a committee in the future.
- Wendy: What determines if someone is hired by the VP rather than the HR?
- Michelle: HR only does the hirings whereas the VPs do the executive hirings.
- Wendy: Isn’t that counterintuitive since they’re supposed to hire the paid positions.
- Michelle: I think if we let only 2 people doing the entirety of hiring, it would have been too much.
- Daniel: Why can’t people in the committees be responsible for hiring the volunteers?
- Michelle: It was like that before but it became too much work. It was easier to split them up. A point that was brought up was that the councillors would not sit on as many committees.
- Kim: If we’re making standing committees that oversee then maybe there will be enough positions.
- Michelle: Another point…. If we allow councillors to sit on a standing committee then they would be unable to sit on a working group under the portfolio. We were debating on whether to have 2 committees for academic portfolio → academic committee and “academic events” committee. MHA, HEWE, Conference, Mentorship and Academic Committee itself. Conference and Mentorship are ad hoc right now so there’s no guarantee they will stay next year.
- Wendy: External is for external relations with outside organizations.
- Caroline: Maybe we should name it “Academic Support” Committee.
TODO:
  ● Define:
    ○ Staff
    ○ Working Group
    ○ Standing Committee
    ○ Extraordinary Committee
    ○ Etc....
  ● Academic → Daniel and Ronan
  ● Communications → Wendy and Caroline
  ● Student Life → Sean and Akhil
  ● External → Kim and Michelle
  ● Internal → Wendy and Kim and Michelle

IX. Article 16 Speaker of Council

  ● Michelle: I don’t think that anybody will be hired this year but it’ll be in code for next year.
  ● Wendy: Maybe we should give the President the option in code to have a speaker or to just be the speaker.
  ● Michelle: I’ll take that into consideration. The hiring process probably won’t start until next year.
  ● Wendy: Can you bring up a point to dismiss the Speaker Ad Hoc Committee
  ● Kim: Would they be able to hire before council starts?

X. Council in the Summer

  ● Michelle: Yeah if we run council in summer. Right now council does run in summer. We could say that council must run once a month unless there is no business.
  ● Wendy: We would have previous departmental councillors come in or send a proxy right?
  ● Michelle: Yes. What happens when you graduate?
  ● Wendy: I don’t think we should let them have a role.
  ● Daniel: I think the technicality is that they’re in the Society until the next year’s payment.
  ● Wendy: I know that there are people in the AMS who graduate in the middle of the year and they’re asked to resign.

XI. Committee Motions

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

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

Abstentions: Wendy

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

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XII. Discussion Period

XIII. Adjournment

Moved by Wendy, Seconded by Ronan.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:23 PM.”

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