[ CODE AND POLICY MEETING ]

Date: Tuesday, January 16th, 2018
Time: 6:00-7:00 PM
Location: ALSSC ROOM 103

I. Attendance

Present:

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

Regrets:

Wendy Guo - AMS Representative

II. Call to Order

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

III. Amendments to the Agenda

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

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

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V. Introductions

VI. Presentations

VII. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Sean, Seconded by Daniel.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following meeting minutes be adopted as presented:
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VIII. Article 6 Restructure

- Caroline: Should we specify that commissions are mandated to meet?
- Michelle: Staff wouldn’t need unity in terms of voting but sometimes commissions need to vote upon specific issues (like clubs commissioners).
- Kim: I meant for extraordinary committees to be committees that run as a “test trial”, which is what some “ad hoc” committees are doing right now since we want to separate the two definitions.
- Michelle: Ad hoc → formed for one specific reason. The ad hoc committees we have now should be considered extraordinary.
- Ronan: If we have an specific issue that doesn’t involve event planning then it should be ad hoc.
- Daniel: Extraordinary committee in AMS is not mandated to meet. Standing committee is something that meets because the society will not function without.
- Ronan: What is extraordinary?
- Michelle: The temporary committees that aren’t formed every year. We used ad hoc for those types of committees right now.
- Akhil: List down what you mean by your definitions.
- Michelle: Working group → having members-at-large working for a specific event/purpose. No councillors.
- Ronan: Extraordinary → plans events?
- Kim: The problem is that we didn’t want to use ad hoc for something like creative committee because it’s not for a specific purpose and runs full year. For working groups, I didn’t know if you wanted to specify that this working group is mandated to form every year so I separated it between standing and extraordinary, for continuous and temporary, respectively.
- Daniel: Which committee would be a working group?
- Kim: Social, RXN, First Week, essentially all the event planning groups but must be designated to an overarching standing committee to approve proposals and budgets.
- Caroline: Committee is councillors, and working groups is members at large?
- Michelle: Yes.
- Caroline: So are extraordinary committees things that happen every year but have special events? And ad hoc are as we see fit?
- Sean: So would photographers be working groups?
- Michelle: No they would be staff.
- Akhil: Committees and working groups must be formed by council opposed to staff who can be hired by VPs. Staff aren’t committees because they might not have been approved by council.
- Daniel: Originally, my idea of extraordinary committee was a committee that is filled
every year but doesn’t have to meet every week.

- Kim: If we’re forming a student life standing committee, then it would be comprised of the chairs of the working groups, councillors and the VP Student Life and the chairs would have to present to the councillors and VP Student Life to approve of their plans.
- Caroline: If that’s the only role that the councillors play is to approve of things, isn’t that really passive?
- Michelle: I think councillors can join working groups but not in the ones that are under the standing committee they sit on.
- Kim: And under the society, any student can come and sit in on meetings.
- Caroline: Maybe distinguish between standing working group and extraordinary working group for one that runs full year and one that doesn’t.
- Kim: So conference would be an extraordinary working group?
- Caroline: Yes.
- Kim: And RXN would be an extraordinary working group as well?
- Caroline: Yes.
- Kim: So the definition for extraordinary working groups would be ones that are “test trial” working groups and working groups that don’t run full year.

IX. Council in the Summer

a. Update from Sheldon

- Michelle: Bylaws aren’t clear but based on how AMS does it, it goes till August 31st. One of the arguments was that if a student graduated then they’re not paying the fee but they do. It should be fine to run council in the summer now. Article 5. Present it to council.
- Sean: What does SUS have to do in the summer?
- Michelle: Right now there is no end date → end whenever the new councillors are voted in. If they can’t make it then they must find a proxy.
- Caroline: Last year they had cases for clubs but there had issues that could not be issued during the summer.
- Daniel: All hirings happen in the summer → in the new year we have to work backwards. It’s not practical.
- Kim: So for RXN and First Week would they report to summer council?
- Caroline: It should be under Student Life Committee → runs full year.
- Sean: What if graduated people don’t want to meet?
- Michelle: You must find a proxy or vote them out of council.
- Akhil: You can’t send the same proxy for a number of meetings.
- Michelle: Will discuss in council.
- Akhil: We could think of holding a by-election for councillors who know they will graduate or not attend any summer meetings just for a new councilor for the summer

Article 5: Council Meetings

1. Regular Council meetings shall be held every other week on Thursdays at 12:45 PM during Winter Session, and once a month during Summer Session, unless impractical.
X. Speaker of Council  
   a. Focus on getting this on code  
      ● Michelle: Making sure that for next year the new council can vote in a Speaker of Council.

Article 16 Speaker of Council - SUS version

1. Speaker of Council  
   a. The Speaker of Council shall be a non-voting member of Council, appointed by Two-Thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources Coordinator(s) and one appointed councillor. The Speaker’s term of office shall begin on first Council meeting in October until the final meeting in April (i.e., the Annual General Meeting), or whenever the Speaker is hired in the summer.
   b. The Speaker shall not hold any other elected, hired or appointed position in the Society, including positions within Science-affiliated clubs. A Speaker who becomes a candidate for an elected position within the Society or any of its Constituencies 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 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 stated in 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.

XI. Committee Motions

Moved by Caroline, Seconded by Daniel.  
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Code and Policy Committee recommends to Council the changes in Article 16.”

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XII. Discussion Period

XIII. Adjournment
Moved by Akhil, Seconded by Ronan.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:59 PM.”

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