[ CODE AND POLICY MINUTES ]

Date: Tuesday, February 27th, 2018
Time: 6:00PM-7:00PM
Location: ALSSC ROOM 103

I. Attendance

Present:
Michelle Tse - VP Administration
Wendy Guo - AMS Representative
Ronan Kerr - Astronomy Representative
Sean Jeong - Biochemistry Representative
Akhil Krishnan - Member-at-Large
Caroline Sutton - Member-at-Large
Kim Vu - AVP Administration
Jennifer Cheng - VP Academic

Regrets:
Daniel Lam - Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences + Environmental Sciences Representative

II. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM.

III. Amendments to the Agenda

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

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

...MOTION PASSES.

V. Introductions

VI. Presentations

VII. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

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

VIII. Article 6 Restructure

a. Draft

b. Academic committee (Guest: VP Academic- Jennifer Cheng)

- Michelle: Presented last council and everything was pretty good except for the Academic Committee.
- Akhil: Did we discuss that we wanted two separate committees?
- Michelle: Yes but now we’re discussing about combining them
- Ronan: Aren’t we just moving discussion to council?
- Michelle: We’ve also had concerns to that. Doesn’t flow to how council works
- Akhil: It seems like an awkward break between academic discussions and council
- Jennifer: Students don’t necessarily want that space to talk about change. Having councillors as touchpoints where they can do that would work. Not always too much to talk about in academic committee meetings. As a student organization, we don’t have that much power except in numbers. Better to have a smaller academic committee to discuss.
- Ronan: Are we going to put the goals in council or in the new academic standing committee? Not required for everyone to be there for academic standing committee and doesn’t make sense for the events standing committee to discuss about academic matters. Logical to add it into council. Add another agenda item. Everyone is in the same room, prompt for people to talk about it.
- Jennifer: Can we put into code a framework for VP Academic to bring academic issues to council

Wendy enters

- Ronan: It’s already expected because it’s in the portfolio description.
- Jennifer: I just want to make sure the VP is required to do this especially if academic committee is being abolished.
- Michelle: It should be expected.
- Akhil: They should just bring the issues to council when things arise.
- Jennifer: Adding it as a council agenda
- Akhil: What if we could tag on VP Academic, deputy chair of council? They can guide discussion in council.
- Wendy: We shouldn’t use the name of deputy chair. We should say the VP Academic should lead the academic discussion but need to be impartial.
- Jennifer: We can put that the specific section is specifically run by VP Academic.
- Michelle: What if there is a problem and they’re not willing to speak in council? So the issues would have to be brought to VP Academic?
- Jennifer: Yes.
● Akhil: It’s not that we wanted to.
● Caroline: Do you have a method where they can confidentially present an issue?
● Jennifer: There’s a tab online that goes straight to VP Academic’s email.
● Akhil: Something in line with deputy chair.
● Ronan: Don’t think it’s that necessary in this context.
● Akhil: If we have a specific section then they have the responsibility to guide the discussion. They have to be partisan and impartial. Give them a little more responsibility.
● Sean: Can’t we give this to the President?
● Wendy: VP Academic would be more relevant.
● Jennifer: Shouldn’t we just call it “Academic Discussion - Led by VP Academic”?
● Akhil: Give the VP Academic more power to guide the discussion. The president isn’t impartial any longer.
● Wendy: About the deputy chair, I think just because VP Academic is leading it doesn’t mean she can be impartial because she would want to speak on behalf of Science students.
● Akhil: They don’t have to be strictly impartial. Everyone in council is elected by science students.
● Caroline: Try to say there should be no favouritism.
● Wendy: Comment that in code.
● Caroline: Better to say what they shouldn’t do.
● Michelle: I will put the academic committee roles in council. Will put Academic discussion on the agenda.
● Akhil: Should be in Article 5: Council Meetings.
● Ronan: Should be in the job description.
● Wendy: If someone brings up to you the CPSC waitlist issue? Should there be favouritism?
● Jennifer: If there are multiple majors involved, one will not be favoured over the other.
● Wendy: Timestamp the issues and show them to council.
● Michelle: Will fix up code and present next week.
● Ronan: What will it be called?
● Michelle: Academic Committee should the one of current be striked.

C. Article 3
● Michelle: Put Science Student Senator here next to AMS Representatives. Closest thing.
● Ronan: Separate it from everything else?
● Michelle: Will make a new article. Senator before or after AMS Representatives.
● Akhil: Rename article 3 “External representatives of science”.
● Kim: Should move speaker of council to after the council article.

IX. Committee Motions

Moved by Wendy, Seconded by Ronan.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Code and Policy Committee approves the updated changes
to Article 6 and 7 in the Code of Procedures, with an exception to Article 6, Section 2.”

...**MOTION PASSES.**

Moved by Akhil, Seconded by Caroline.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Code and Policy Committee amends the title of Article 3 to ‘External Representatives of Council’.”

...**MOTION PASSES.**

Moved by Sean, Seconded by Wendy.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Code and Policy Committee reassign article numbers 5-16.”

...**MOTION PASSES.**

**X. Discussion Period**

- Michelle: Added the bylaw definitions to the referendum.
- Akhil: Can SUS take a stance on voting yes?
- Michelle: Will promote.
- Akhil: Should get Antony to recommend voting yes on FB page or other platforms.
- Michelle: Will be campaigning it during campaigning season.

**XI. Adjournment**

Moved by Akhil, Seconded by Ronan.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:48PM.”

...**MOTION PASSES.**