



REPORT: ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

2019-04-04

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1. Context and Background

The Accountability Committee is a committee of the Board of Directors and is mandated to hold Officers, Senators, Directors and Councillors accountable to their obligations and responsibilities under the Society's governing documents.

This report is being delivered verbally to the Legislative Council and submitted to the Board of Directors as a written submission only as has been historical precedent (2016-2017).

2. Business Carried Forward

In the Fall 2018 semester, the Accountability Committee completed its then-mandate of quantitative and qualitative assessments of Councillors. Quantitative surveys having been distributed on the 2018-11-15 Legislative Council with results reported to the 2018-11-29 Legislative Council in public session, the matter has now been dispensed of.

Similarly, qualitative comments were collected during confidential session on the 2018-11-15 Legislative Council and results reported to the 2018-11-29 Legislative Council in public session, with the exception of one comment that the Committee opted to reserve and only share with Councillors in confidential session on the 2018-11-29 meeting as it fell under the purview of another policy.

Per a recommendation put by the Legislative Council that was subsequently adopted by the Board of Directors, that comment previously reserved for confidential session will now be shared in public session and the individual concerned given an opportunity to respond, just as with the other Fall 2018 comments.



2.1 Executives: Vice-President (Finance) Jun Wang

Concerns were raised the Vice-President (Finance) assumes that those that interact with him have limited or no understanding of finances to the point that it comes across as “condescending”, especially with reference to individuals who identify as female.

These concerns were further elaborated to include statements that the Vice-President (Finance) has acted flippantly or frustrated when dealing with women, to the point that it comes across as misogynistic.

3. Business Arising

Since the Fall 2018 semester, the Accountability Committee’s Terms of Reference were amended and now no longer include quantitative or qualitative assessments of Officers, Senators, Directors and Councillors. Instead, the Accountability Committee will now be responsible for Councillor attendance at meetings of the Legislative Council and committees.

3.1 Suspension: Julian Jayme (Music)

Councillor Julian Jayme (Music Representative) received notice of suspension on 2019-01-20 for accumulating two (2) unexcused absences over the course of the year.

The Councillor was subsequently reinstated by recommendation of the Steering Committee on 2019-02-02 which was ratified by the Legislative Council on 2019-02-07.

4. Conclusion

There were no further suspensions this semester and the Accountability Committee diligently met monthly to review Councillor absences and the reasons thereof.

The Accountability Committee is suggesting no additional changes to its Terms of Reference as they were already amended during the academic year to reflect the desired changes.



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The Accountability Committee appreciates the work of all Councillors this semester and applauds them for earnestly representing their constituents to the very best of their abilities. We wish you the best of luck with final exams and hope you have a lovely summer!

SIGNED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on behalf of the Accountability Committee,

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Speaker of Council

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