

**BYLAW  
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday June 4th, 2015**

**6.00pm**

**SUB 0-55**

**AGENDA (BC 2015-02)**

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| <b>2015-02/1</b>  | <b><u>INTRODUCTION</u></b>   |
| <b>2015-02/1a</b> | <b>Call to Order</b>   |
| <b>2015-02/1b</b> | <b>Approval of Agenda</b>  |
| <b>2015-02/1c</b> | <b>Approval of Minutes</b>   |
| <b>2015-02/1d</b> | <b>Chair's Business</b>  |
| <b>2015-02/2</b>  | <b><u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u></b>   |
| <b>2015-02/3</b>  | <b><u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u></b>   |
| <b>2015-02/3a</b> | Discussion and Updates on Election Bylaw consultation.   |
| <b>2015-02/3b</b> | THRONDSON MOVES that the Committee invite the CRO to the meeting of June 18th to present suggested changes to Elections Bylaws |
| <b>2015-02/4</b>  | <b><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></b>  |

**2015-02/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2015-02/5a**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday June 18th, 2015 @ 6.00pm in SUB 0-55.

**BYLAW  
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday May 14, 2015**

**6:00 pm**

**SUB 0-48**

**ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Justis Allard		Y
Bo Zhang		Y
Ben Thronson		Y
Cody Bondarchuk		Y
Annie Duan		Y
Thomas Patrick		Y
Brandon Christensen		Y

**MINUTES (BYLAW 2015-01)**

**2015-01/1            INTRODUCTION**

**2015-01/1a           **Call to Order****

Meeting called to order at 18:05.

**2015-01/1b           **Approval of Agenda****

Allard amended the agenda to discuss the schedule of meetings.  
THRONSON/DUAN move to approve the agenda as amended.

7/0/0  
CARRIED

**2015-01/1c            Approval of Minutes**

Since this is the first meeting, there is no minutes to approve.

**2015-01/1d            Chair's Business**

Adopt relaxed Robert's Rules of Order as per standing orders 1(3).

Review Committee Meeting Schedule.

Presentation of proposed schedule for committee, and general committee information by Chair.

General discussion on committee schedule, information, etc.

Proposed changes to Standing Orders.

**2015-01/2            QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2015-01/2a**            The committee agreed on adopting relaxed Robert's Rules of Order.

THRONDSON would like to change the meeting schedule for the summer as there is a conflict of time. The committee discussed possible meeting dates and decided meeting on Council Thursdays.

ALLARD presented the projects from last year that the committee did not work on and have to work on this year. There are several larger projects that the committee has to work on during the summer and fall. One is Election bylaw that needs editorial changes and revamp. Another is Bylaw 8000 series that covers faculty associations. In addition is the discussion of creating sub-committee of Bylaw committee. Also ALLARD proposed to create an internal document to keep check of the changes to bylaws and do a

comprehensive review of the bylaws. He would like the committee to finish these projects this year.

DUAN asked about how the committee functioned last year. ALLARD shared his experience from last year. THRONDSOON suggested reserving a week every month for the committee to deal with urgent issues. And BONDARCHUK suggested the committee to have more communication with the Council. ALLARD would like see the committee has a greater role in consultation aspect.

The committee discussed the role of drafts person as being the liaison.

PATRICK asked about the distinction between Bylaw 8000 and the other bylaws. ALLARD explained the situation of this bylaw.

ZHANG suggested giving priority to the discussion of creating sub-committee. He explained in most of the cases the committee has to look at multiple issues at once, but there is no guiding principle to establish the priority in dealing with these issues. Due to the heavy workload of the committee, minor issues should be diverted to sub-committee, while the committee deals with major issues.

Since this is an important decision, ALLARD would like the committee to having a longer discussion in later meetings and gave the committee more information on the pros and cons of the sub-committee. ALLARD and ZHANG explained the difference between bylaws and policies, and explained the policies of the Students' Union to the committee. ALLARD encouraged the committee to contact him if they have any questions.

And then ZHANG and ALLARD presented the pros and cons of having a sub-committee to the committee. ZHANG spoke in favour of having sub-committee. He did not want to see any delay in dealing with issues. But with Bylaw Committee's limited resources, it is hard for the committee to address many problem it is facing, especially after the confusion caused by the election of last year. He stressed that sub-committee did not have to be permanent. ALLARD spoke against it. His major concern is that striking a sub-committee is time-consuming. Another concern is that there are a lot to learn in bylaw. Time loses in the learning process. ZHANG, however, thinks it is more beneficial to include as many councilors as possible in the discussion of bylaws, so that they can make informed decision in the Council.

The committee gave their feedback on this issue. THRONDSOON suggested having a longer discussion to this issue. CHRISTENSEN suggested seeking external feedback from the experts in the Students' Union regarding changes in the bylaws. ALLARD concerned about the uncertainty of the next year so it is best to formalize the process. He suggested to try the process and make changes later. ZHANG agreed and suggested formalize it towards the end of the year. DUAN suggested the committee should start looking into forming sub-committee.

The committee agreed on looking at creating sub-committee in an informal way.

Of all the four proposed projects, ALLARD suggested the committee to look at the election bylaw first as it will become time-sensitive quickly, and then look at the FA bylaw as the FAs will hold the election after SU. In the next meeting, the committee will look at the election bylaw, so ALLARD suggested the committee to familiarize with the bylaw.

The committee agreed on looking at the election bylaw first, and THRONDSOON became the point person of this bylaw and contact Discover Governance. ZHANG, ALLARD and BONDARCHUK suggested some contact persons.

PATRICK asked about substantial changes. ALLARD explained that the committee can do editorial changes to bylaws. However, if it changes the meaning, it has to go through the Council.

The committee agreed ZHANG becomes the interim chair of the committee during ALLARD's absence.

**2015-01/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2015-01/3a**

Proposed changes to Standing Orders.  
ALLARD explained the proposed changes. The changes make agenda in line with the new format. The committee will look at the changes of section 8.2 at a later date to come up with a structure to review bylaws. The procedure to elect the chair is also changed. Some editorial changes.

THRONDSOON /PATRICK move to adopt the proposed changes to the

Standing Orders.  
6/0/0  
CARRIED

**2015-01/4            ADJOURNMENT**

**2015-01/4a            **Next Meeting:** Thursday June 4, 6:00 pm, SUB 0-48**

**2015-01/4b            DUAN/PATRICK move to adjourn.**

6/0/0  
CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 19:38.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
THRONDSOON/DUAN move to approve the agenda as amended.	7/0/0 - CARRIED
THRONDSOON /PATRICK move to adopt the proposed changes to the Standing Orders.	6/0/0 - CARRIED
DUAN/PATRICK move to adjourn.	6/0/0 - CARRIED