

# BYLAW COMMITTEE

# Thursday June 18th, 2015 6.00pm SUB 0-55

## **AGENDA (BC 2015-03)**

2015-03/3a

2015-03/1 INTRODUCTION

2015-03/1a Call to Order

2015-03/1b Approval of Agenda

2015-03/1c Approval of Minutes

2015-03/1d Chair's Business

2015-03/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2015-03/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

BONDARCHUK MOVES TO bring Bill 1: Gendered Pronoun Elimination in Students' Union Bylaw before Students' Council in first reading with the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles:

- 1) The Students' Union strives to operate inclusively and openly, respecting all genders and recognizing that more than two genders exist.
- 2) Current Students' Union Bylaws discriminate against non-gender binary and ungendered members of the Students' Union by using "her/him" and "she/he" pronouns when referring to those in hired and elected positions of the Students' Union.
- 3) Bylaw shall be changed to reflect our inclusive policies by replacing all gendered pronouns with the gender-neutral terms "them" and "they."

2015-03/4	INFORMATION ITEMS

**2015-03/5 ADJOURNMENT** 

**2015-03/5a Next Meeting:** Thursday July 2nd, 2015 @ 6.00pm in SUB 0-55.



# BYLAW COMMITTEE

## Thursday June 4, 2015 6:05 SUB 0-55

### **ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Bo Zhang		Y
Cody Bondarchuk		Y
Ben Throndson		Y
Annie Duan	Dylan Hanwell	N
Thomas Patrick		Y
Justis Allard	Bo Zhang	N
Brandon Christensen		Y

## AGENDA/MINUTES ((BC 2015-02))

**2015-01/1 INTRODUCTION** 

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

2015-01/1b Approval of Agenda

HANWELL/THRONDSON move to approve the agenda.

## 7/0/0 CARRIED

## 2015-01/1c Approval of Minutes

THRONDSON/CHRISTENSEN move to approve the minutes.

5/0/2 CARRIED.

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

The chair discussed that bylaws be divided by each of the committee members for their perusal and to review any amendments that need to be made, such as changes sitting to be made and/or editorial changes.

## 2015-01/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

#### 2015-01/2a

The chair put forward whether to divide election bylaws and discuss timeline in regards to waiting projects, or first prioritize election bylaws and then move onto other projects. The elections bylaw review timeline was discussed. It was decided that the committee members will first review the bylaws before the next meeting upon which they will discuss and divide the bylaws that require amendments or changes.

#### 2015-01/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

#### **2015-01/3a** Discussion and Updates on Election Bylaw consultation

THRONDSON provided an in-depth overview of his consultation with various former Student Union members in terms of the amendments

they suggested to bylaws.

THRONDSON to provide a summarized list of the interviewee, area of issue, provision of bylaw it seeks to amend, and which specific bylaws are being discussed.

The committee discussed amendments required to be made to the election bylaws. It was decided that committee members review bylaws for editorial changes or for any outstanding amendments. It was also discussed that while election bylaws are priority, members may bring forward other bylaws of their interest. ZHANG to create first principles and a calendar scheduling election bylaw amendments the committee needs to complete by the end of July.

#### 2015-01/3b

THRONDSON MOVES that the Committee invite the CRO to the meeting of

June 18th to present suggested changes to Elections Bylaws

THRONDSON/CHRISTENSEN move to invite CRO to present on suggestions for bylaw changes.

7/0/0/ CARRIED

#### 2015-01/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 2015-01/4a

No information items on the agenda.

BONDARCHUK to put forward possible editorial changes to bylaws in order to allow gender-neutral pronouns. It was decided that BONDARCHUK k will bring forward first principles on gender-neutral pronouns and on SERC.

CHRISTENSEN also put forward possibility of having two mandatory

candidates meeting in order to accommodate schedules. However, the chair noted that there could be a proxy to attend. It was decided that this will be discussed during the CRO's presentation next meeting.

**2015-01/5 ADJOURNMENT** 

2015-01/5a Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18th, 2015 6:00pm at SUB 0-55.

**2015-01/5b** ZHANG/CHRISTENSEN move to adjourn.

7/0/0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:27.

### **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

MOTION	VOTES
HANWELL/THRONDSON move to approve the agenda.	7/0/0 CARRIED
THRONDSON/CHRISTENSEN move to approve the minutes.	5/0/2 CARRIED.
THRONDSON/CHRISTENSEN move to invite CRO to present on suggestions for bylaw changes.	7/0/0/ CARRIED
ZHANG/CHRISTENSEN move to adjourn.	7/0/0 CARRIED