

# BYLAW COMMITTEE

## Thursday July 9, 2015 6.00pm SUB 0-48

## AGENDA (BC 2015-05)

2015-05/1	INTRODUCTION
2015-05/1a	Call to Order
2015-05/1b	Approval of Agenda
2015-05/1c	Approval of Minutes
2015-05/1d	Chair's Business
2015-05/2	QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD
2015-05/2a	Presentation by Cody Bondarchuk on the Bylaw Wiki System
2015-05/2b	Refocusing Discussion (Elections Bylaws)
2015-05/2c	Review of Proposed Committee Schedule
2015-05/2d	Bill #2 Second Reading
	Please see BC 15-05.01
2015-05/3	COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2015-05/3a	BONDARCHUK MOVES TO bring Bill 5: Amendments to Fee Schedule Maintenance before Students' Council in first reading based on the following first principles:
	1) Dedicated Fee Units are now overseen by Finance Committee.
	2) Students' Union membership and dedicated fees are now overseen by Finance Committee.

3) Bylaw shall reflect this change by mandating Schedules 3000 and 6000 be

maintained by the chair of Finance Committee.

## **2014-05/3b** Attendance Bylaw - First Principles

- 1. The Students' Union has a significant impact on the student experience at the University of Alberta
- 2. Student Councillor attendance is essential for undergraduate student perspectives and concerns to be represented at the highest governing body of the SU
- 3. Students' Council should work to ensure students are properly represented
- 4. Within reason, it is expected that Student Councillors attend every meeting that is scheduled

## 2015-05/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

## **2015-05/5 ADJOURNMENT**

**2015-05/5a Next Meeting:** Thursday July 16th, 2015 @ 6.00pm in SUB 0-48.

## BC 15-05.01 Bylaw 2200

## **Revision as of 15:06, 16 June 2015 (edit)**

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- # All candidates and side managers shall either attend the candidates meeting in its entirety or designate, in writing, an agent who will do so.
- # Where a candidate or side manager contravenes Section 15(2), that candidate or side manager shall be disqualified.
- # The C.R.O. **may, at their discretion,** grant exemptions to Section 15(**3**) to candidates, but shall do so only where
- ## the candidate requesting the exemption does so in writing at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the candidates meeting; or
- ## the **candidate** informs and provides satisfactory evidence to the C.R.O. of an emergency for which no notice could be given.

## Latest revision as of 20:30, 2 July 2015 (edit) (undo) Cody.bondarchuk

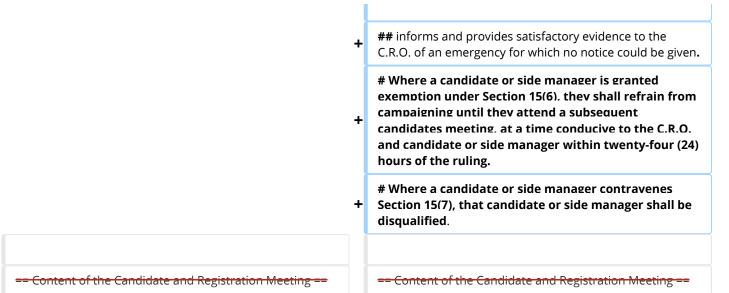
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- # The meeting shall:
- \_\_\_ ## be held on a business day;
- ## start no earlier than 6:00pm; and
- ## start no later than 9:00pm.
- # The C.R.O. shall:
- + ## arrive by the scheduled start time; and
- ## take attendance by roll call at the start and end of the meeting.
- # All candidates and side managers shall either:
- + ## attend the candidates meeting in its entirety; or
- ## designate a proxy via email to the C.R.O. prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.
- ### A proxy may only be designated to represent one
   candidate or one side manager and must attend the meeting in its entirety.
- # Where a candidate or side manager contravenes Section 15(4), that candidate or side manager shall be disqualified.
- # The C.R.O. shall grant exemptions to Section 15(5) to
   + candidates or side managers. but shall do so only where the candidate or side manager:
- ## requesting the exemption does so via email to the
   C.R.O. at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the candidates meeting;
  - ## informs and provides satisfactory evidence to the C.R.O. of absence due to an unforeseen academic circumstance for which no notice could be given; or



## Latest revision as of 20:30, 2 July 2015

A Bylaw Respecting the Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative Elections, Plebiscites and Referenda of the Students' Union

## **1 Short Title**

1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Elections, Plebiscites and Referenda Bylaw"

#### **2 Definitions**

#### 1. In this bylaw

- a. "member" shall be anyone who is an undergraduate student currently enrolled in at least one course for credit at the University of Alberta;
- b. "C.R.O." shall be the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union;
- c. "D.R.O." shall be a Deputy Returning Officer of the Students' Union;
- d. "D.I.E. Board" shall be the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board of the Students' Union, as set out in Judiciary of the Students Union Bylaw, Bylaw 1500;
- e. "faculty" shall be any entity defined by the University of Alberta General Faculties Council as either a faculty or a school and in which members are registered and shall include Open Studies;
- f. "council" shall be either be Students' Council or General Faculties Council (GFC) as the context requires;
- g. "general election" shall be the General Election of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors or the General Election of Faculty Councillors;
- h. "plebiscite" shall be a vote, open to all members, held on a given question but whose result is not legally binding upon the Students' Union;
- i. "referendum" shall be a vote, open to all members, held on a given question and whose result is legally binding upon the Students' Union;
- j. "side" shall be any person or group of people who have their registration as a plebiscite or referendum side accepted under this bylaw;
- k. "side manager" shall be a person registered as part of a plebiscite or referendum side who has been selected by those members of that side to serve as side manager for the purposes of this bylaw;
- I. "primary volunteer" shall be a person registered as part of a candidate's campaign who has been selected by that candidate to serve as primary volunteer for the purposes of this bylaw;
- m. "candidate" shall be any member whose nomination is accepted under this bylaw;
- n. "joke candidate" shall be any candidate who chooses not to use their given name or a reasonable

## 15 Candidate and Plebiscite/Referendum Registration Meeting

- 1. The C.R.O. shall hold a meeting for all candidates, referenda and plebiscite sides following the nomination deadline but prior to the commencement of the campaign.
- 2. The meeting shall:
  - a. be held on a business day;
  - b. start no earlier than 6:00pm; and
  - c. start no later than 9:00pm.
- 3. The C.R.O. shall:
  - a. arrive by the scheduled start time; and
  - b. take attendance by roll call at the start and end of the meeting.
- 4. All candidates and side managers shall either:
  - a. attend the candidates meeting in its entirety; or
  - b. designate a proxy via email to the C.R.O. prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.
    - i. A proxy may only be designated to represent one candidate or one side manager and must attend the meeting in its entirety.
- 5. Where a candidate or side manager contravenes Section 15(4), that candidate or side manager shall be disqualified.
- 6. The C.R.O. shall grant exemptions to Section 15(5) to candidates or side managers, but shall do so only where the candidate or side manager:
  - a. requesting the exemption does so via email to the C.R.O. at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the candidates meeting;
  - b. informs and provides satisfactory evidence to the C.R.O. of absence due to an unforeseen academic circumstance for which no notice could be given; or
  - c. informs and provides satisfactory evidence to the C.R.O. of an emergency for which no notice could be given.
- 7. Where a candidate or side manager is granted exemption under Section 15(6), they shall refrain from campaigning until they attend a subsequent candidates meeting, at a time conducive to the C.R.O. and candidate or side manager within twenty-four (24) hours of the ruling.
- 8. Where a candidate or side manager contravenes Section 15(7), that candidate or side manager shall be disqualified.

## **16 Content of the Candidate and Registration Meeting**

- 1. At the candidate and registration meeting, the C.R.O. shall, at minimum
  - a. review all relevant bylaws, rules, and regulations, including this bylaw, and respond to questions about same;
  - b. announce the time and date of any forums scheduled;
  - c. determine and announce which candidates are joke candidates as set out in Section 2 (m);
  - d. where two (2) or more candidates have asked to appear on the ballot under names that are either identical or so similar as to be effectively indistinguishable, determine and announce under what names each of the two (2) or more candidates shall appear on the ballot;
  - e. announce any methods that will be regularly used to communicate with candidates;
  - f. take attendance for the purpose of verifying compliance with Sections 14 and 15;
  - g. announce the times, dates, and locations of daily meetings; and
  - h. create a register listing the members registered for each plebiscite and referendum side as well as the side manager for each.

## **17 Commencement of Campaign Activities**

1. The C.R.O. shall determine and announce the time and date of the commencement of campaign activities, to occur no fewer than five (5) days before the date of any vote prior to the end of November each year.



## BYLAW COMMITTEE

## Thursday July 2, 2015 6.00pm SUB 0-55

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

**2015-01/1 INTRODUCTION** 

2015-01/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:14.

## 2015-01/1b Approval of Agenda

BONDARCHUK/CHRISTENSEN moves to include motion to bring Bill 3: Amendments to Dedicated Fee Unit Reporting Timelines before Students' Council in first reading with the recommendation of Bylaw Committee into the agenda.

7/0/0 CARRIED.

BONDARCHUK/CHRISTENSEN MOVES to include motion to bring Bill 1: Gendered Pronoun Elimination in Students' Union Bylaw before Students' Council in second reading into the agenda.

7/0/0 CARRIED.

ZHANG/DUANG proposes to move item 3a Attendance Bylaw-First Principle to move to Question and Discussion Period..

7/0/0 CARRIED.

DUANG and CHRISTENSEN/BONDARCHUK move to approve the agenda.

7/0/0 CARRIED

## 2015-01/1c Approval of Minutes

THRONDSON/ CHRISTESEN move to approve the minutes.

3/0/4 CARRIED.

DUANG, FLAMMAN, ZHANG, ALLARD abstain.

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

It was decided that the next Bylaw Committee meeting will be held on July  $9^{th}$ , and that, going forward, meetings will be scheduled off-council Thursdays.

It was also decided that agenda items will be forwarded to Debra directly.

## 2015-01/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

#### **2015-01/2a** Attendance Bylaw-First Principle

Attendance Bylaw was moved to Question/Discussion section in order to

open discussion on whether attendance should be created as a bylaw or as a standing order.

For the next scheduled meeting, First Principles, which have been prepared by ZHANG, will be discussed by the committee. An informal timeline was discussed which sets the attendance bylaw will be ready to enforce by the next Bi-elections.

## 2015-01/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**2015-01/3a** Attendance bylaw - First principle

Moved to Question/Discussion section.

**2015-01/3b** Bill #2 – Candidate Registration Meeting Amendment Act – Second

Reading

Section 2200 of Bill #2 was discussed and amended.

DUANG and CHRISTENSEN/FLAMMAN move to pass these amendments.

6/0/0 CARRIED

Section 2300 of Bill #2 was discussed and amended.

BONDARCHUK/CHRISTENSEN move to amend

7/0/0 CARRIED

CHRISTENSEN/ZHANG move to pass the amendments made to Bill #2.

7/0/0 CARRIED

See the document for the amendments made.

**2015-01/3c** First Principles - Bylaw Revisions

Posters (Amending SU Bylaw 2300 s. 29)

An upper limit shall be set on the amount of posters and the amount of banners a candidate for GFC and/or Students' Council may display in any one building.

THRONDSON/FLAMMAN move to pass the motion

7/0/0 CARRIED

Consequences (Amending SU Bylaw 2200, s. 48, 49 and Bylaw 2300 s. 39,40)

Conditions for the use of disqualification shall be made clear in the same section in which other penalties are outlined, instead of in a separate section.

THRONDSON/CHRISTENSEN moves to strike the second item of 2200, s. 48, 49 and Bylaw 2300 s. 39,40

7/0/0 CARRIED

#### 2015-01/3d

BONDARCHUK/FLAMMAN MOVES TO bring Bill 1: Gendered Pronoun Elimination in Students' Union Bylaw before Students' Council in second 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 gender identities.
- 2) Current Students' Union Bylaws discriminate against gender non-binary and genderless members of the Students' Union by using "her/him" and "she/he" pronouns when referring to members and staff of the Students' Union.
- 3) Bylaw shall be changed to reflect our inclusive policies by replacing all gendered pronouns with gender-neutral terms.

BONDARCHUK has attached the changes to the relevant bylaws which has been forward to the other councillors.

5/0/2 CARRIED

## 2015-01/3e

BONDARCHUK moves to bring Bill 4: Amendments to Dedicated Fee Unit Reporting Timelines before Students' Council in first reading with the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles:

- 1) Many Dedicated Fee Unit Boards have a fiscal year of May 1 to April 30.
- 2) To make Annual General Meetings of each Dedicated Fee Unit Board more accessible to their membership, bylaw shall allow six months from the end of the Board's fiscal year to submit financial statements for review.

BONDARCHUK/CHRISTENSEN move to pass Bill 4: Amendments to Dedicated Fee Unit Reporting Timelines before Students' Council to First Principles.

7/0/0 CARRIED

2015-01/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

**2015-01/5 ADJOURNMENT** 

**2015-01/5a Next Meeting:** Thursday July 9th, 2015 @ 6.00pm in SUB 0-55

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

7/0/0 CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

## **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

MOTION	VOTES
BONDARCHUK/CHRISTENSEN moves to include motion to bring Bill 3: Amendments to Dedicated Fee Unit Reporting Timelines before Students' Council in first reading with the recommendation of Bylaw Committee into the agenda.	7/0/0 CARRIED.
BONDARCHUK/CHRISTENSEN MOVES to include motion to bring Bill 1: Gendered Pronoun Elimination in Students' Union Bylaw before Students' Council in second reading into the agenda.	7/0/0 CARRIED

ZHANG/DUANG proposes to move item 3a Attendance Bylaw-First Principle to move to Question and Discussion Period.	7/0/0 CARRIED
DUANG and CHRISTENSEN/BONDARCHUK move to approve the agenda.	7/0/0 CARRIED
THRONDSON/ CHRISTESEN move to approve the minutes.	3/0/4 CARRIED.
DUANG and CHRISTENSEN/FLAMMAN move to pass amendments on Bill#2 Section 2200.	6/0/0 CARRIED
BONDARCHUK/CHRISTENSEN move to pass amendments on Bill#2 Section 2300.	7/0/0 CARRIED
CHRISTENSEN/ZHANG move to pass the amendments made to Bill #2.	7/0/0 CARRIED
THRONDSON/FLAMMAN move to pass the motion amending Bylaw 2300 s. 29	7/0/0 CARRIED
THRONDSON/CHRISTENSEN moves to strike the second item of 2200, s. 48, 49 and Bylaw 2300 s. 39,40	7/0/0 CARRIED
BONDARCHUK/FLAMMAN MOVES TO bring Bill 1: Gendered Pronoun Elimination in Students' Union Bylaw before Students' Council in second reading with the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles:	5/0/2 CARRIED

BONDARCHUK/ CHRISTENSEN moves to pass Bill 4: Amendments to Dedicated Fee Unit Reporting Timelines before Students' Council into First Principles.	7/0/0 CARRIED
BONDARCHUK/CHRISTENSEN move to adjourn.	7/0/0 CARRIED