



University of Alberta Students' Union

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

1.00pm
SUB 6-06

AGENDA (BC 2015-12)

- 2015-12/1 **INTRODUCTION**
- 2015-12/1a **Call to Order**
- 2015-12/1b **Approval of Agenda**
- 2015-12/1c **Approval of Minutes**
- 2015-12/1d **Chair's Business**
- 2015-12/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**
- 2015-12/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2015-12/3a Bill #14 - Faculty Association Advocacy Amendment first principles.
- 2015-12/3b Language Accessibility Bylaw.
- 2015-12/3b Slate First Principles:
- Some programs have requirements that take students off campus for entire semesters at a time, and this can prove to be a substantial barrier to participation in student governance.
 - When students are overly impeded from participating in governance because of their program, a lack of representation from that program is created.
 - In order to best represent students, opportunities on Students Council must be available to as many students as possible.
 - Elections could be structured to allow two individuals to run for a single position where they would hold the official title of the position one at a time, and switch the holder on a date defined before the election.

- Two individuals running or holding a position in such a manner will be referred to as a slate for the purpose of these principles, though a different term will be the official term used in bylaw.
- Slates will be tested in the coming year for students' council elections (not including executive elections), and may be subject to particular additional rules around elections and campaigning.
- The programs that allow their students to run in slates will be chosen based on how accessible being part of students council currently is for the students, and how effective slates would be in making it more accessible.

2015-12/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2015-12/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2015-12/5a **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 16, 2015 @ 1.00pm in SUB 0-48.

**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

1:00 pm

SUB 6-06

ATTENDANCE

| NAME | PROXY | PRESENT |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------|
| Justis Allard (Chair) | | Y |
| Cody Bondarchuk | | Y |
| Annie Duan | Fahim Rahman | Y |
| Ben Thronson | Ben Angus | Y |
| Brandon Christensen | | Y |
| Thomas Patrick | | Y |
| Azhar Khan | | Y |

MINUTES (PC 2015-09)

2015-11/1 INTRODUCTION

2015-11/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 13:23.

2015-11/1b Approval of Agenda

PATRICK amended the agenda to add a discussion on slate councilor in discussion period.

DUAN/CHRISTENSEN move to approve the agenda as amended.

8/0/0
CARRIED

2015-11/1c Approval of Minutes

ALLARD amended the minutes to correct typos.

CHRISTENSEN/DUAN move to approve the minutes as amended.

6/0/2
CARRIED

2015-11/1d Chair's Business

2015-11/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2015-11/2a Slate Councilor

PATRICK shared that the Governance Review Task Force suggests looking into allowing certain programs, which have inherent challenges for students to stay in Council to have two students running the same position in a set period of time. PATRICK also shared that the ESS executive team has used this system and it works well without major problem.

ALLARD voiced out his concern in how to differentiate different faculties and programmes. PATRICK answered that the Task Force is not sure about Study Aboard but internship and practicum should qualify. But this should be further discussed. RAHMAN added that there are some academic requirements of the programme that barred students from participating in Council and representing students. This should be addressed.

DUAN asked about the time frame of councilor's term. PATRICK suggested that a 4/8-month split of term period would be sufficed

based on the current academic requirement.

PATRICK added that CRO will have the discretion to consider the application of slate councilor so that it will not be abused.

2015-11/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2015-11/3a

BONDARCHUK explained the edits on the Bill 11. The changes are already in effect but the bylaw needs to be amended to reflect these changes.

BONDARCHUK/CHRISTENSEN move to bring Bill 11: Amendments to (Bylaw 100) Committee Mandates before Students' Council in second reading with the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles:

- 1) Dedicated Fee Unit financial reviews and disbursement are approved by Finance Committee on an annual basis.
- 2) It is no longer necessary for Audit Committee to review Dedicated Fee Units on an as-needed basis.
- 3) Administration of the Access Fund has been transferred to the Registrar's Office, with Finance Committee retaining the right to oversee regulation of the fund.
- 4) The process for administering the SU Awards program is laid out in Finance Committee Standing Orders, and does not need to be repeated in Bylaw.
- 5) Audit Committee and Finance Committee mandates outlined in Bylaw 100 shall be amended to reflect these practices approved through Bylaws 3000, 6100, 6200, their respective schedules, and committee Standing Orders.

6/0/0
CARRIED

2015-11/3b

Gateway Plebiscite Question

ALLARD explained the changes to Dedicated Fee Unit, which was moved to a 3-year cycle. Gateway's DFU needs to go to a Plebiscite to be reapproved. This question is just a standard plebiscite to

ensure that people are still agreed to pay for Gateway. However, it is non-binding; therefore if there is a majority against it, Gateway will not be shut down. But the SU will review it and it will have significant impact to Gateway. The current plebiscite will be a neutral question without bias, giving people enough information on the issue.

KHAN asked why Augustana students are exempt from the fee. BONDARCHUK explained that it is because Augustana students do not have physical access to the newspaper.

ALLARD did not like to layout and wording of the question as it is too wordy and people might not understand it. KHAN also thinks that the question is unclear to state that students are paying for the newspaper. CHRISTENSEN suggested that the fee amount should be prioritized.

BONDARCHUK amended the question to move Point 4 as Point 1. The new Point 1 reads: "Each Full- and Part-time student will be assessed \$3.39 in each of the Fall and Winter terms and \$0.43 in each of the Spring and Summer terms in which they are enrolled." The committee agreed to this amendment. Point 1 became Point 2; Point 2 became Point 3; Point 3 became Point 4.

PATRICK asked if the committee make edits to the question, does Gateway need to approve it. BONDARCHUK explained that Gateway does not need to approve it. ALLARD added that Gateway will be notified that changes are made to the question.

PATRICK also brought up the question that will Augustana students be able to vote on this plebiscite question as they are exempt from the fee. The committee discussed on this issue.

BONDARCHUK/PATRICK move to approve Gateway Student Journalism Society – Dedicated Fee Unit Plebiscite Question 2016.

6/0/0
CARRIED

2015-11/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2015-11/5

ADJOURNMENT

2015-11/5a

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 @ 1.00pm in SUB 6-06.

RAHMAN/BONDARCHUK move to adjourn.

6/0/0
CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 14:04.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

| MOTION | VOTES |
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| DUAN/CHRISTENSEN move to approve the agenda as amended. | 8/0/0 - CARRIED |
| CHRISTENSEN/DUAN move to approve the minutes as amended. | 6/0/2 - CARRIED |
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| <p>100 shall be amended to reflect these practices approved through Bylaws 3000, 6100, 6200, their respective schedules, and committee Standing Orders.</p> | |
| <p>BONDARCHUK/PATRICK move to approve Gateway Student Journalism Society – Dedicated Fee Unit Plebiscite Question 2016.</p> | <p>6/0/0 - CARRIED</p> |
| <p>RAHMAN/BONDARCHUK move to adjourn.</p> | <p>6/0/0 - CARRIED</p> |