



University of Alberta Students' Union

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

6.00pm

SUB 0-48

AGENDA (BC 2015-14)

- 2015-14/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2015-14/1a Call to Order**
- 2015-14/1b Approval of Agenda**
- 2015-14/1c Approval of Minutes**
- 2015-14/1d Chair's Business**
- 2015-14/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**
- 2015-14/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2015-14/3a Bill #XX Changes to Bylaw**

Please see BC 15-14.01
- 2015-14/4 INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2015-14/5 ADJOURNMENT**
- 2015-14/5a Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 29, 2015 @ 6.00pm in SUB 6-06.**

First Principles

1. Representation on Students' Council is better than no representation on Students' Council.
2. NOTA is a form of representation at Students' Council for a Faculty.
3. Faculty Association executives are democratically elected and are already called upon to recruit undergraduates to fill vacancies in representative roles.
4. Not all undergraduate Faculty Associations have the resources to hold elections at any time of the year.
5. Students' Council currently does not have the ability to remove or add undergraduate representatives on Students' Council.
6. Anyone who is appointed to fill a vacancy before a Fall by-election will hold an advantage on other candidates with their incumbency.

DRAFT CHANGES (Second Reading)

1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Councillor, the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall offer the position to the candidate who would have been elected had another Councillor been allocated to the resigning Councillor's faculty during the last election before which nominations were open for that faculty.
2. Notwithstanding (2), no person shall be offered a Councillor position who
 - a. has already vacated a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question,
 - b. has already declined appointment to a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question, or
 - c. is a member of Students' Council.
3. The process for replenishment of Councillor positions shall continue until
 - a. no vacancies remain for the faculty in question,
 - b. the list of candidates from the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question is exhausted, or
 - c. the position would be offered to None of the Above.
4. Students' Council does not have the authority to appoint any Councillor.

**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

Friday, February 5, 2016

1:00 pm

SUB 6-06

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Justis Allard (Chair)	Victoria Dejong	Y
Cody Bondarchuk		Y
Annie Duan		Y
Ben Thronson		Y
Brandon Christensen	Fahim Rahman	Y
Thomas Patrick		Y
Azhar Khan		N

MINUTES (PC 2015-13)

2015-13/1 INTRODUCTION

2015-13/1a **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 13:06.

2015-13/1b **Approval of Agenda**

RAHMAN/PATRICK move to approve the agenda.

6/0/0
CARRIED

2015-13/1c Approval of Minutes

DUAN amended the minutes to change all “THRONDSO” to “ANGUS.”

BONDARCHUK amended the minutes to move PATRICK’s statement in Section 3b to 3c.

DUAN/PATRICK move to approve the minutes as amended.

3/0/3
CARRIED

2015-13/1d Chair’s Business

2015-13/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2015-13/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2015-13/3a Bylaw 2300 Amendment: Slate Second Principles

PATRICK proposed changes to Bylaw 2300 and explained his motion of changes to the committee. The committee candidates’ name appearing on ballot.

PATRICK amended Section 17.2a to read: “The name must be:

- a. a reasonable derivative of the member’s legal name; or
- b. a preferred name, for which the member has provided satisfactory evidence to the C.R.O. showing it is a name they regularly use.
- c. in the case of a 2-member candidate, any combination of the above two joint by the word “and.”

and amended 17.3 to read “Where no derivative or preferred name is provided to the C.R.O., the C.R.O. shall use the legal names of the

members.

The committee also discussed the definition academic programme requirement. THRONDSO is concerned about the wording and people interpreting the bylaw liberally. BONDARCHUK suggested listing all options to make it clearer. THRONDSO agreed. DUAN suggested making it under CRO's discretion or Faculty's decision.

PATRICK proposed amendment to Academic Programme Requirement: Additional material requires any official supporting documentation to supports the reasons given in the above letter including but not limited to proof of enrollment in their specific programme. He also removed Point B and extend Point A to explain it.

The committee discussed the switch of the official title. PATRICK is not in favour of legislating the switch of official title and in favour of multiple switches in one term to allow more flexibility. DUAN agreed. BONDARCHUK is in favour of having a clearer break for easier management.

PATRICK proposed amendments to Point 8: Two-member candidates may switch position title holders as many times as required though all switch dates must be defined before the election and all switches must be justified within the nomination package.

The committee discussed Point 3 as PATRICK added Point D and E.

PATRICK/RAHMAN move to recommend the Bylaw 2300 Amendment: Slate Second Principles as amended to the Students' Council.

5/0/0
CARRIED

2015-13/3b

ESS FAMF Plebiscite Question

The committee will give BSA's Plebiscite Question to ESS as an example for them to formulate their own.

2015-13/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2015-13/5

ADJOURNMENT

2015-13/5a

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 @ 1.00pm in SUB 0-48.

Meeting adjourned at 14:30.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
RAHMAN/PATRICK move to approve the agenda.	6/0/0 - CARRIED
DUAN/PATRICK move to approve the minutes as amended.	3/0/3 - CARRIED
PATRICK/RAHMAN move to recommend the Bylaw 2300 Amendment: Slate Second Principles as amended to the Students' Council.	5/0/0 - CARRIED