

Thursday, June 30, 2016

6:00PM

SUB 6-06

AGENDA (BC 2016-05)

2016-05/1 INTRODUCTION

2016-05/1a Call to Order

2016-05/1b Approval of Agenda

2016-05/1c Approval of Minutes

2016-05/1d Chair's Business

2016-05/1d Attendance

2016-05/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2016-05/2a Two person candidates update and discussion

2016-05/2b Elections Bylaw discussion

2016-05/2c Bylaw 600 (Bilingualism) - Implementation and discussion

2016-05/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-05/3a *Bill #2 – Faculty Association Political Policy Diversion - Second Reading*

CHRISTENSEN/PROCHNAU MOVE to approve second reading of Bill #2 and amend Bylaw 8100, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, to allow faculty associations to deviate from political policy within the following guidelines (Specific wording to be reviewed on Google Drive

2016-05/3b

Bill #3 - Universal Resources and Labors - *First Principles*

LARSEN MOVES to approve Bill #3 and amend Bylaw 2200 and 2300, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, to implement Universal Resources and Labors.

First Principles:

1. Current rules on what constitutes a universal resource are non-existent which allows ambiguity and convention in elections process
2. Convention and ambiguity surrounding universal resources has allowed for campaigns to gain undue and unaccountable advantages during elections processes
3. Current Bylaw and elections rules surrounding universal resources and fair market values do not foster creativity, innovation, or resource management in campaigns and this is because of the current state of designation of universal materials.
4. Bylaws 2200 section 28,45,46 and Bylaw 2300 section 20,36,37 will be amended with a single piece of legislation respectively to define universal resource spending to ensure that candidates and sides are given the ability to innovate as well insert a level of accountability in expenditures outside of main budgets.

2016-05/3c

General Bylaw Review Allocation

2016-05/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-05/5

ADJOURNMENT

2016-05/5a

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2016 @ 6:00 PM in SUB 6-06

**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

Thursday, June 16, 2016

6:00 PM

SUB 6-06

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Brandon Christensen (Chair)		Y
Bismillah Kiani		Y
Brandon Prochnau		Y
Delane Howie		Y
Eilish McKinlay		Y
Reed Larsen		Y
Robyn Paches		N

MINUTES (BC 2016-04)

2016-04/1 INTRODUCTION

2016-04/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18:01 (6:01 PM) by Councillor Christensen.

2016-04/1b Approval of Agenda

McKINLAY/HOWIE MOVE to approve the agenda
6/0/0
CARRIED

2016-04/1c Approval of Minutes

LARSEN/McKINLAY MOVE to approve the minutes. KIANI and
HOWIE abstain
4/0/2
CARRIED

2016-04/1d Chair's Business

2016-04/1d Attendance
Attendance was taken. Special guests of note included C.R.O. Donald
Ademaj. Councillor Brophy was also in attendance.

2016-04/1d The Chief Returning Officer was introduced to the Committee.

2016-04/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2016-04/2a ADEMAJ
Term starts May 4 for the CRO and will continue on until April of
the following. Finally got his CRO e-mail account account. If the
committee has any questions they can contact him.

Gov aWeek. ADEMAJ is hoping to run a session or two and to
highlight a few important things about the By-election coming up.
He is hoping to host a session or two during orientation including
topics in: Bylaw's how to run, nomination packages, so that
students would be able to read and deal with them moving forward.

By-election - (Oct. 5 and Oct. 6) campaigning starts on September
27. Also looking at Jessica's changes and a lot of what LARSEN sent
him for potential Bylaw changes that he is looking at.

LARSEN

Outlined his goals for elections bylaws as listed in the late additions for this meeting. He spoke on how he believes there is a need for freedom for candidates to be adventurous and try new things without being punished. He also suggested the CRO not be a political actor and instead be more impartial. Furthermore, he indicated that his belief that the CRO should report to council more often.

LARSEN

Indicated need for clarification around classroom speeches.

ADEMAJ

Mentioned the importance of reporting to council more often. Perhaps September 30, January 30 and April 30 which would be 3 times more often than currently.

Spoke to the importance of bylaw and the guidelines it provides, especially where it is black and white so that he doesn't need to make arbitrary decisions.

Suggested the committee address the fact that there is no currently written appeal time limit in Bylaw and that it is essentially set by the CRO himself.

ADEMAJ

Provided recommendations to the committee suggesting that Augustana candidates be exempt from having to print at SUB print. Suggested he would look at the process applied to class talks and adjust it accordingly for the given year. Also suggested the committee could play a role in administering the bylaws that guide this.

BROPHY

Questioned the malicious intent clauses in bylaw suggesting they were too arbitrary.

KIANI

Suggested that class talks should only be permitted during the 10 minute break period between classes.

LARSEN

Suggested there was too much over reach. Also suggested that fines should be in place for those who go overtime or into class time.

CHRISTENSEN

Suggested to LARSEN that he organize his suggestions by theme and bring them to the committee during its next meeting on June 30.

ADEMAJ

Posed the problem that BYLAW 2200 and 2300 limit where things can be printed; Suggested looking into emails from professors and last year council election process; Said that professor like the idea of candidates emailing them and talking to them before class
Mentioned that he would Love to hear other ideas

BROPHY

Cited fear of making it political as opposed to making it non-political, a major step which may not be likely; Mentioned that people's voice may not be heard by not printing off a few extra pages in sub print

ADEMAJ

Suggested advertisement early on with voice of important candidates while following the rules of bylaws is required

BROPHY

Indicated that he wants flexibility

ADEMAJ

Offered cooperation

KIANI

Mentioned that some professors don't reply right away and you go to whoever replies first

ADEMAJ

Said that he will join with any candidate who volunteers first but candidates should specify time in their correspondence

KIANI

Suggested having classroom talk in the 10 min period

LARSEN

Suggested calling people to hallway in that 10 min, so that they can speak during that time, and said that in the 10 min time it is possible to do so as it will be recess time

Mentioned that when he did it he actually read through the email and responses were 2:1 negative; a lot of people were upset about it; therefore there is no good win, and only 50-50 is good; Said that professors were more angry when students overwhelmed them with emails; and the other thing is that CRO office sending one email in which the candidates will speak in the 10 minutes that is not professor's time

PROCHNAU

Agreed with LARSEN

Said that they are supposed to do that in the first 10 minutes before the class starts, and that he doesn't see anything wrong with that

ADEMAJ

Said that classroom time is the time that professors think as their time, but some professors feel that it okay to speak during class

KIANI

Suggested sending email communicating disagreement
(Google doc was proposed)

ADEMAJ

Suggested having a consensus, during reading week, about who says yes and who does not and it can put into a bylaw

Mentioned that social media will be there, and because of it people say that their friends are running for certain things as they are exited about it;

Suggested that there has to be some sort of over-reaching bylaw about social media, otherwise it will be way too overbearing, and they may let the CRO dictate how it should be

HOWIE

Suggested verifying what it mans to clear your social media account

CHRISTENSEN

Questioned if there is a rational behind why they need to b checked

ADEMAJ

Suggested having a clear video

CHRISTENSEN
(Goes to the next agenda item)

2016-04/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-04/3a

Bill #2 – Faculty Association Political Policy Diversion - *First Principles*

First Principles

1. Faculty associations are often the best representatives of undergraduate students within the individual faculties of the University of Alberta.
2. With proper consultation, faculty associations shall be allowed to advocate and represent the interests of their constituents as best as possible.
3. Barriers to the effective advocacy of faculty associations shall be removed from Bylaw 8100 to facilitate proper representation of students at a grassroots level.
4. Bylaw 8100 shall be amended to allow faculty associations to advocate for issues deemed important to their constituents, even if these issues contradict Students' Union political policies, so long as appropriate procedural steps are completed, including a plebiscite or referendum.
5. Upon completing the proper consultative and procedural steps, faculty associations shall provide Students' Council with a summary and presentation of these steps taken.
6. Students' Council shall be allowed to discuss, debate, question, and approve/reject the advocacy effort based on presentation provided, procedural steps taken and any other metrics so deemed appropriate.

CHRISTENSEN

Suggested looking at the points about what the committee thinks Political policy diversion that they discussed last time, and asked for any more thoughts and individual points;
Said that originally, the only way this can be struck down is by the procedure taken. Now it can be for any reason and we will allow student council to decide

Mentioned that point 7 is blank due to a typo by Mercy and nothing else has changed; procedural steps are mentioned and all are in the working folder

LARSEN

Asked if Bylaw 8100 is in the one line

CHRISTENSEN

Said yes and called upon all to look into the working folder

ADEMAJ

Questioned: How about a hostile amendment?

McKINLAY

Said that she doesn't want to be picky

MOTION

CHRISTENSEN/LARSEN MOVE to amend Bylaw 8100 to allow faculty associations additional autonomy as guided by these principles.

6/0/0

CARRIED

2016-04/3b

Bill #1 - Vacancy Petitions - *Second Reading*

CHRISTENSEN

Went to the next agenda item (3b)

Mentioned the working folder, Bill #1 2nd reading, and said that everything in red is what he changed

Said that working the way down - bylaw 109 is what he changed

Mentioned that in Line 6 and Line 20, they should go point by point

Read out loud about email, faculty, identity requirement of the candidate and good academic standing, nomination requirement for by-elections

Mentioned that this is in bylaw 100

Said that 2200 is the exact election, 2300 is council election and this is neither so they will focus on the content in Bylaw 100.

LARSEN

Indicated that nomination package should exactly include all rules and there are no rules for collecting signatures

Said that person picking up vacancy petition must follow the same rules as in the nomination package

CHRISTENSEN

Said that it is number two and moved to number three and read loud

HOWIE

It's like you are in faculty of Campus Saint Jean and need certain number of signatures

CHRISTENSEN

Mentioned that all are ok with number three and read loud about vacancy in faculties

HOWIE

Mentioned that if there are two open seats and two people in the petition they both succeed

LARSEN

Said that it is the "singular councillor"

CHRISTENSEN

Moved to number 6
Read aloud

KIANI

Suggested including something like a trigger so that if anything happens then it must be announced

CHRISTENSEN

Would be good to have a link in vacancy petition package with information with centralized area from where information can be obtained

PROCHNAU

Suggested emailing the CRO so that it can be picked up

CHRISTENSEN

Said that he thinks that it can be a PDF file rather than an online post

BROPHY

Mentioned that Online is easy to have

KIANI

Said that he thinks that everyone should have access to website

CHRISTENSEN

Mentioned that he likes one spot for all recent updates and acknowledged that it is a great idea but people will miss it

HOWIE

Proposed checking website everyday

LARSEN

Said that it sounds like a great idea, as it will be CRO's responsibility

CHRISTENSEN

Mentioned that he sent Rebecca an email to update the website but it is still to be done, although she is good with DIE Board rulings
Said that after he started, there will be rules

LARSEN

Mentioned that there will be a seven day waiting period and when students think through is not a concern
Said that 18 people are not needed, and all should have the same access to the nomination package;
Suggested putting it in website and making sure it is there

CHRISTENSEN

Said that the first on this form will be a link to all that gets updated on this petition, and that will allow them to communicate to people

McKINLAY

Suggested having responsibility to go to the websites

CHRISTENSEN

Said that this would be like first come first serve
Went back to point #5, and mentioned that something needs to be changed

McKINLAY

Said that it has to be the same faculty

KIANI

Questioned if the same faculty is not enough and what happens if they see no other petition

CHRISTENSEN

The first valid vacancy petition for a given faculty will trigger a seven day deadline during which other potential candidates may also submit a vacancy petition, and after the seven day period no other petition will be accepted

KIANI

Suggested phrasing the sentence as: "The first ballot vacancy petition for a given faculty will trigger a seven day grace period after which no other petition will be received"

HOWIE

Suggested adding per seat, and to phrase the sentence as:
The first ballot vacancy petition for a given faculty will trigger a seven day grace period after which no other petition will be received per vacant seat

McKINLAY

Suggested to put "within the seven day period"

CHRISTENSEN

Mentioned and rewords based on the suggestion
Went to the next point

HOWIE

Re-emphasized on adding "per seat"

LARSEN

Read out the next one
Said that the petition triggers the 7 day waiting period.

CHRISTENSEN

Asked if people should be allowed to make the decision

McKINLAY

Gave an example and said that if she took a month and if another person is required to do the same in 7 days then it is not good intent

PROCHNAU

Said that he is not decided and requires time, and that if one needs to do one should be serious about it, and that he is all for it

LARSEN

Suggested that he would say take it back

KIANI

Said that it is unfair that two people do the same amount of work but one gets unfairly penalized

LARSEN

Said that in reality it is most likely to get to the seven day number

CHRISTENSEN

Added that if a second person goes real hard then that person will have the advantage

HOWIE

Indicated that she is not for awarding people who put to the end

McKINLAY

Asked if they should keep it then

Mentioned that the wording is wrong

CHRISTENSEN

Said that the reason is that because Rebecca works only in business hours

McKINLAY

Said that if it is the last business day it will be Friday

CHRISTENSEN

Mentioned that the bylaw committee can avoid that by putting everyday day as business day

LARSEN

Suggested saying something like "last operating hour"

CHRISTENSEN

Moved to point # 8

Read out loud

Mentioned that the Bylaw Committee can legislate and that some people did not show up in meeting and got lost

LARSEN

Said that anything that is amenable will come, and that for somebody qualified it is a 18 hour run

CHRISTENSEN

Moved to point # 9

Read aloud

Chose be arbitrarily

Said that it gives a 6 month term

HOWIE

Suggested putting the first bus day following the fall by-election

CHRISTENSEN

Said the he would like to have it on February 1 (first)

HOWIE

If there is no person for CSJ and he will have until mid-March, and then one can stay until Christmas by bringing it back, a month into second semester

CHRISTENSEN

Agreed with February 1st

PROCHNAU

Asked if it is everywhere with every bylaw

McKINLAY

Asked what will happen if a person wants to run and requires special accommodation, as a in case of a person with disability

KIANI

Agreed that McKINLAY asked the right question

CHRISTENSEN

Mentioned about Open Studies students, who find it is impossible as they are not in any faculty because they are only enrolled classes but not full time students

Said that they can't be allowed but can submit a form

LARSEN

Said that nomination is from faculty and Open Studies students will have a sponsor, and five people will be needed

McKINLAY

Said that it is difficult to find five people as there is no FA

Suggested just using a form

CHRISTENSEN

Agreed with form and suggested coin flipping

Asked for wording it

HOWIE

Suggested A, B, C and not D

PROCHNAU

Mentioned that point D is like the previous ones

KIANI

Said that it can be everything except the nominators

CHRISTENSEN

Said that this is the advantage of FA appointment system, but there are challenges because if there are three people and tied then coin can't be flipped

Read out loud

Phrased a sentence for bylaw to be applicable in the event of a tie
(Typed the sentence)

McKINLAY

Said if it is a separate website

CHRISTENSEN

Suggested that they should also specify that once the deadline is triggered and that it should be in the website

HOWIE

Said that it is covered

KIANI

Suggested going explaining that in the text

LARSEN

Suggested describing it in the councillors pages

CHRISTENSEN

Suggested that it should also say when to take it off,

Said that a few more changes were made in bylaw 2300

KIANI

Asked how about creating and maintaining

CHRISTENSEN

Asked everyone to look for glaring errors
Mentioned Bylaw 2100 section 16-8, and said that the Bylaw
Committee can say that bylaw 100 is added

(Recommendation was for slates to fill these seats)

HOWIE

Suggested grammatical changes like inserting semicolon, *etc.*

CHRISTENSEN

Read out loud bylaw 120

LARSEN

Said that it will good to have "a copy of this bylaw", Bylaw 120
Suggested full stop, and to copy and paste

CHRISTENSEN

Asked everyone to see if citations are missing

Read out the Vacancy petition form for Open Studies students,
which requires no signatures

KIANI

Said that it should be number three

HOWIE

Suggested going back and changing 8
Found that it was

CHRISTENSEN

Read out loud about vacant seat

HOWIE

Vacant seat is the seat only for the term

CHRISTENSEN

Read out loud about the event of tie

HOWIE

Suggested that link to webpage should be included in the package

LARSEN

Asked about regular updates and meaning

McKINLAY

Said that it is common sense

HOWIE

Asked about other relevant info

LARSEN

Should check that every morning about how many packages got submitted

Said that the number of packages will be updated within the seven day period

Asked if there is a "To go" after the semi colon in 10a

(People discuss loudly)

HOWIE

Changed 8

Should be "and" instead of "or"

CHRISTENSEN

Said that he will be using a Google Doc for this on the council Order Paper because he is concerned it won't pass and doesn't want to make a whole bunch of changes to the Wiki system and then have to undo it all.

McKINLAY

Mentioned that people are debating the principles but not the content

HOWIE

Asked if this reflects the Bylaw Committee's first principles?

McKINLAY

Replied that when she say this, then hypothetically it is

LARSEN

First principle will be more exciting than this one

CHRISTENSEN

Mentioned that he will move a motion to pass the Second Reading at the June 28 Students' Council meeting.

MOTION

CHRISTENSEN/PROCHNAU MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #1, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, and implement Vacancy Petitions as a mechanism to fill vacant Students' Council seats as outlined on Google Drive.

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CARRIED

2016-04/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2016-04/4a PROCHNAU
Agreed and affirmed to help with Bill #2 after Monday, when he finishes his Gear Week presentation to ESS.

CHRISTENSEN
Said that the next meeting is on June 30, 2016 at 6 PM.

2016-04/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2016-04/5a **Next Meeting:** June 30, 2016 @ 6:00 PM in SUB 6-06.

2016-04/5b HOWIE/KIANI MOVE to adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 20:28 (8:28 PM).

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
McKINLAY/HOWIE MOVE to approve the	6/0/0 - CARRIED

agenda.	
LARSEN/McKINLAY move to approve the minutes. KIANI and HOWIE abstain.	4/0/2 - CARRIED
CHRISTENSEN/LARSEN MOVE to amend Bylaw 8100 to allow faculty associations additional autonomy as guided by these principles.	6/0/0 - CARRIED
CHRISTENSEN/PROCHNAU MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #1, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, and implement Vacancy Petitions as a mechanism to fill vacant Students' Council seats as outlined on Google Drive.	6/0/0 - CARRIED
HOWIE/KIANI MOVE to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM.	6/0/0 - CARRIED