

Thursday, August 25, 2016

6:00 PM

SUB PLAZA

ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES (BC 2016-10)

2016-10/1 INTRODUCTION

2016-10/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18:13 (6:13 PM) by CHRISTENSEN.

2016-10/1b Approval of Agenda

BROPHY/LARSEN MOVE to approve the agenda.

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CARRIED

2016-10/1c Approval of Minutes

The minutes from August 11, 2016 were approved as friendly.

2016-10/1d **Chair's Business**

Attendance was taken. Proxies in attendance were noted above. The change in venue from SUB 6-06 to SUB PLAZA was noted.

CHRISTENSEN:

I added all the Bills we passed to the wiki, and we approved our meeting schedule for Fall.

2016-10/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2016-10/2a **General Bylaw review - Reminder**

CHRISTENSEN:

If you are proxying for somebody else for the next meeting, let me know. You have all been assigned bylaws to review. So, make sure you look through them.

LARSEN:

My work is contingent on passing the bill on September 27th.

CHRISTENSEN:

I copied and pasted the Bylaw from the wiki system into a Google Doc to make my life easier for tracking spelling mistakes and changes made.

LARSEN:

I think we should prepare a reasonable list of definitions for our Bylaws.

BROPHY:

For example, instead of using the "Gateway" or the "student newspaper", we can name it as the "officially recognized student media source".

LARSEN:

It's defined in bylaw that the student newspaper is the Gateway.

BROPHY:

How about "student run media"?

PACHES:

That wouldn't work. I think "*student endorsed* or *student supported*" would be a better term.

CHRISTENSEN:

I like "*student endorsed*". Let's use that. We need to be consistent.

LARSEN:

Acronyms should be consistent. A single acronym should be used throughout our bylaws. Furthermore, they should be defined up front. Maybe everybody can do their own, and then come to an agreement afterwards. We can also have universal definitions as an editorial on the side.

CHRISTENSEN:

We can talk about that. Keep an eye out for spelling mistakes and anything that is outrageously out of order.

LARSEN:

As long as everything is fully updated by September 27, it's all good.

CHRISTENSEN:

As editorial changes require the approval of the Bylaw Committee, send me your changes beforehand, and we can move a motion such that the committee approves the editorial changes to the specific bylaw.

LARSEN:

We can have universal definitions at the start of the website. We don't need to introduce it as a bylaw.

CHRISTENSEN:

I think we should formalize it. We'll talk about it at the next meeting.

2016-10/2b

Midpoint committee planning and goal setting

CHRISTENSEN:

I basically finished all the legislative goals already this year. Do you guys have anything to bring up next semester?

BROPHY:

Most people weren't actually happy with how Bill #8 on attendance was worded. If I can get some support, I'll bring up an amendment package.

CHRISTENSEN:

Will you bring the first reading to the Bylaw Committee or go straight to Council.

BROPHY:

I'll bring it to the Bylaw Committee. It's always better that way.

CHRISTENSEN:

OK. Make sure that it fits on schedule.

PACHES:

Once I look through, I'll have some changes.

LARSEN:

Will there be subsequent steps to finance the D.A.s (Department Associations)? By the way we worded it, it could be possible.

PACHES:

We have the methods if they pass a referendum. I haven't looked at the exact wording.

CHRISTENSEN:

It follows the exact same wording as F.A.s (Faculty Associations).

PACHES:

As it was worded before, F.A.s were supposed to distribute the money they collected to the departments. I don't know if there were any modifications. They can distribute money to the departments in 3 different ways. It's really up to each faculty to decide which methods they choose. However, the way they disburse it should be outlined

when they make a presentation to Council. The disbursement is approved by Council while the collection is approved by students. They don't have to word the disbursement process to the student body.

LARSEN:

So, if a D.A. wants to move ahead with collecting a fee, is it the same process?

CHRISTENSEN:

The way it was written, the D.A. s can do anything that another campus association is able to do.

LARSEN:

There can be some D.A. s that may want to collect a fee directly, bypassing the F. A.

PACHES:

This needs an in-depth conversation. Do we want them to collect a direct fee or not?

BROPHY:

Yes, we should also talk with Vice-president Banister about this.

LARSEN:

Councillor Brophy and I worked on some larger philosophical changes. We'll see how it goes on September 27 with the editorial changes. I'm primarily focused on engagement through elections. I'll see if I can think of anything else. But, I don't want to burden the next generation of councillors with multiple random bylaw changes within a very short time.

CHRISTENSEN:

Some of the changes are already defined.

LARSEN:

I'm talking about any new changes.

BROPHY:

I'm fine with changes that come into effect after the next round of elections.

FLAMAN:

I can't speak on Councillor McKinlay's behalf. I'm interested in Bylaw 100; written reports. It's ingrained in committee and Council Standing Orders plus Bylaw 100. So, this would be a combined effort between the Bylaw Committee and C.A.C. (Council Administration Committee). I was somewhat frustrated with the lack of written reports or context for some of the motions. It would have been nicer to have written reports with the order papers in order to digest the information over the weekend before a Council meeting. In addition, when I went through some old order papers from a few years ago, it's extremely difficult to understand the context of certain motions. So, while the original intent was to help us, it would also help future councillors. To recap, I'd like more consistent reporting.

CHRISTENSEN:

It specifically states that Chairs should submit a written report.

FLAMAN:

We can't debate on anything which hasn't been submitted as a written report.

LARSEN:

The centralization of the motions became coherent with the idea of submitting written reports. Discover Governance has the mandate to do that for us so that chairs won't be overburdened. But, according to how it's worded in Standing Orders, we have to submit a written report even if there wasn't any activity. I guess it's good for councillors of future cycles to know that nothing happened in a particular committee for a certain period of time. I think we had a motion at C.A.C. to contact all the chairs. But, I'm not sure whether it was implemented or not.

CHRISTENSEN:

The Council minutes differ in their standards too as some are light and

some are in-depth. A lot of discussion usually occurs at C.A.C., but not too many motions or actual progress.

LARSEN:

I think we discussed about asking the C.A.C. chair to contact other committee chairs, but it may have been a private discussion as well.

BROPHY:

We should amend the Standing Orders to rectify this. Make sure to submit it to the C.A.C. agenda.

LARSEN:

I'll submit it to the C.A.C. agenda, and make sure that there's a reminder.

CHRISTENSEN:

On our next meeting, we'll do Bill 6 and the editorials as mentioned above.

2016-10/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2016-10/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2016-10/4a **Fall Meeting Schedule**
Tuesday, September 27 @ 6:00 PM
Tuesday, October 25 @ 6:00 PM
Tuesday, November 29 @ 6:00 PM

2016-10/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2016-10/5a **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 @ 6:00 PM in SUB 6-06

2016-10/5b **BROPHY/LARSEN MOVE** to adjourn at 6:45 PM.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 18:45 (6:45 PM).

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
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BROPHY/LARSEN MOVE to approve the agenda.	5/0/0 – CARRIED
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