

**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017
6:00 PM
SUB 6-06**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Brandon Christensen (Chair)		Y	N/A
Sandy Brophy		Y	N/A
Delane Howie		0.5	Y
Nicole Jones		Y	N/A
Robyn Paches		Y	N/A
Alannah Piasecki		Y	N/A
James Thibaudeau		Y	N/A

MINUTES (BC 2017-07)

2017-07/1 INTRODUCTION

2017-07/1a Call to Order

2017-07/1b Approval of Agenda

JONES/THIBAUDEAU MOVE to approve the agenda.

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CARRIED

2017-07/1c Approval of Minutes

PIASECKI/BROPHY MOVE to approve the minutes.

6/0/0
CARRIED

2017-07/1d Chair's Business

2017-07/1e Attendance

Attendance was taken. No proxies were in attendance. Councillor Howie was absent but sent her written thoughts on the agenda items to the chair.

2017-07/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2017-07/2a DFU Updates - CREF

CHRISTENSEN:

VP Paches has been diligently working with CREF to get DFU process organized. Do you have any updates for us?

PACHES:

Thank you. I have been in contact with CREF and met with them. I have provided them copies of the bylaws related to DFUs. I have also provided them some information about renewal. I have suggested they provide us with an intent by November 15. After that point, we can write the question for them if they haven't submitted anything.

CHRISTENSEN:

The campus and recreation presentation we received at Council last week, does it have anything to do with CREF?

PACHES:

Cheryl who gave the second half of the presentation works with the student-led organization called CREF. This organization does not fall entirely under Cheryl's portfolio. The goal of this organization is to fund certain recreational activities.

2017-07/2b Restrictions on Campaign Activities - Expanding to non-University owned Fraternities/Sororities?

CHRISTENSEN:

The C.R.O. asked that Bylaw Committee consider this item. She believes the current wording would allow campaigning in University-owned fraternities/sororities and wanted bylaw committee to look into this. If everyone turns their attention to Bylaw 2200(31) this is the section related to the C.R.O.'s information.

PIASECKI:

From my time working with residence services I interpret the following: Non-university owned frats/sororities would fall under “in any building or on any land **not** owned or operated by the University or the Students’ Union.” Those owned by the University would be viewed as residences or private homes and those would therefore not be allowed.

PACHES:

I agree. I believe there is no need to amend this.

THIBAudeau:

I feel that fraternities owned by the University would count as residences.

CHRISTENSEN:

Is there any definition for residences in Bylaw 2200?

BROPHY:

There is none as far as I can tell.

CHRISTENSEN:

Okay, I will pass on our interpretation of this section of Bylaw to the C.R.O.

PACHES:

She can feel free to challenge it to D.I.E. Board. In fact, I encourage her to do so if she disagrees.

2017-07/2c DIE Board Ruling 2017-01 Review

CHRISTENSEN:

As part of Bylaw Committee’s mandate we are required to review all DIE Board rulings before the first August following their release. As such, we shall review this one.

BROPHY:

I have made my comments on this previously. I believe we should include a section for hypotheticals but that opinion was not shared.

THIBAudeau:

I agree that we should not change the mandate of DIE Board. I think I like it the way it is currently organized.

Committee agrees.

CHRISTENSEN:

I know in the past Bylaw Committee has been reluctant to approve any

changes to Bylaw 1500. This was largely derived from former president Rahman's opposition to changing the legislation and his general dislike of DIE Board.

The committee considers this ruling reviewed and therefore remains in compliance with its standing orders.

2017-07/2d DIE Board Ruling 2017-02 Review

CHRISTENSEN:

This second reading was brought on by the speaker regarding attendance in the context of the introductory and first meeting of students' council. DIE Board's bottom line was that Students' Council broke its own rules but that nothing could be done. Additionally, they ruled the introductory meeting does not count toward attendance but that the first meeting does.

PACHES:

This ruling is all over the place. It is so wordy and they don't really make a concise ruling. I can't even read all of this!

THIBAudeau:

I agree. They have been pulling other parts of the bylaws in to interpret the bylaw which doesn't really keep with the spirit of bylaw.

CHRISTENSEN:

I agree. I will look into this ruling more and perhaps propose some fixes as part of Councillor Howie's new changes to Bylaw 100.

The committee considers this ruling reviewed and therefore remains in compliance with its standing orders.

2017-07/2e Students' Council Seat distribution

CHRISTENSEN:

As part of Bylaw 100, Section 2(7) Students' Council must review the allotment brackets yearly.

PACHES:

Students' Council seems to be a pretty broad; How does Students' Council review this?

CHRISTENSEN:

I could present it to Students' Council? I've always wanted to give a presentation to Students' Council!

PACHES:
We will get you a soap box to stand on!

PIASECKI:
I agree we should maintain the same allotment brackets.

BROPHY:
Agree.

JONES:
Agree.

THIBAUDEAU:
I see no concerns with it presently.

The committee considers the brackets reviewed.

2017-07/2f General Bylaw Review - Reminder (Bylaws: 100, 600, 6100, 3000, 4000, 8200, 2200, 2300).

CHRISTENSEN:
Just a reminder to everyone who hasn't already completed their Bylaw review that it needs to be done, perhaps for our next meeting on Oct. 24.

PACHES:
I'm sorry I forgot. I will have it done for the next meeting. I believe mine were 3000, 4000, 8200.

CHRISTENSEN:
Yes. THIBAUDEAU has already submitted his, which we will review at the next meeting. HOWIE is still working on hers.

2017-07/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2017-07/3a **Bill #4 - Removing Student Group Operating Policy Requirements -
*Second reading***

PACHES/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #4 - Removing Student Group Operating Policy Requirements, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

1. Bylaw 5600 currently requires that SU operating policy have "the

following categories for student groups: registration requirements, privileges and services, administrative framework, constitutional reviews of student groups, grounds for suspension and termination, and granting.”

2. There is no current rationale for why this requirement exists under Bylaw 5600.
3. Operating policy is generally considered an internal Students’ Union document for the organization itself, specifically employee training, rather than to be applied to external student groups.
4. Bylaw 5600 shall be amended to remove operating policy requirements.

(See Google Drive for specific second reading changes).

CHRISTENSEN:

I have made the very simple changes to the second wording document in the Google Drive, does anyone have any thoughts.

PACHES:

I think it looks fantastic. Going forward, we will be proposing some administrative framework in this bylaw as we move toward trying to have Student groups under the SU rather than the dean of students. More to come on this.

CHRISTENSEN:

I think that is a great idea.

PACHES/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #4 - Removing Student Group Operating Policy Requirements, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the previous first principles.

Bylaw 5600

4 Administration of Student Groups ~~and Student Groups Operating Policy~~

- ~~1. SU Student Groups must follow all SU Operating Policies that refer to student groups.~~
- ~~2. SU Operating Policy must contain registration requirements for student groups.~~
- ~~3. SU Operating Policy must have the following categories for student groups: registration requirements, privileges and services, administrative framework, constitutional reviews of student groups, grounds for suspension and termination, and granting.~~
4. Student Group Services shall be responsible for the oversight and administration of student groups.

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CARRIED

2017-07/3b Bill #5 - Bylaw 100 Amendments - *Drafting Process*

CHRISTENSEN:

HOWIE is not present at this moment but she has provided some information on the Google Drive for ideas.

Committee reviews Google Drive content. See early first principles below.

First Principles

- 1. There are currently legislative processes for the creation of bylaws, political policies, and the budget that are described in Council Standing Orders but are not reflected in Bylaw.*
- 2. As these processes do not change year to year and are binding, they should be reflected in bylaw.*
- 3. As they deal with high level governance and finances, they should not be able to be waved by a simple majority.*

The committee reviewed the general ideas above without seriously considering them.

HOWIE enters. CHRISTENSEN yields.

HOWIE:

Okay everyone so I have a LOT of big ideas and wanted to discuss them here with you. Initially when I drafted the above I focused mostly on the idea of legislation. Currently there is no framework within bylaw for the

legislation other than the definition of the types. Generally, I consider this to be inadequate and feel we need to formalize this.

Moving to the second idea, was the idea of defining and creating new committee types under bylaw. I wasn't sure if we should move forward with this or not so I did not include it. I wanted your thoughts.

CHRISTENSEN:

For your first point I totally agree. I think we need to formalize.

PACHES:

I think we need to take a moment to think, reflect. We should refer to other organizations and how they use standing orders.

PACHES spends considerable amount of time viewing Roberts Rules Websites.

CHRISTENSEN:

I think it is totally reasonable for us to have this within bylaw. I don't think it needs to be as detailed, perhaps. That said, I think it is very important.

BROPHY:

I'm inclined to agree.

HOWIE:

For my second point I was thinking maybe we should not have the differentiation between administrative and advisory standing committees as previously proposed.

PACHES:

I personally suggest we create 4 different subtypes. The first move should be to scrap standing committees. These committees should be renamed "governance" committees. Then we should have "advisory", "ad hoc" and "operational" committee types.

HOWIE:

Do you think we should perhaps we should create a new bylaw for these committee types?

BROPHY:

I think that is a fantastic idea.

CHRISTENSEN:

Bylaw 200!?

HOWIE:

Yes!

BROPHY:

Numerically I think it should be Bylaw 1000 because it is about committees and would fit more naturally into the numbering.

Straw poll: 1000 - 1 vote; 200 - 3 votes

HOWIE:

I will be the one drafting this so I think that I will be coming up with the numbering scheme.

CHRISTENSEN:

I think we could have the various committees under these new bylaws defined in an appropriate schedule, rather than written directly into the bylaw as they are now.

PACHES:

I think that Students' Council should not have direct control over these groups. I.e. choosing to eliminate a group they don't like.

CHRISTENSEN:

Well technically right now Students' Council has ultimate authority and could do so if it want. However, we know that would not be organizationally kosher.

PACHES:

True.

CHRISTENSEN:

Do JONES, PIASECKI, or THIBAudeau have any thoughts?

HOWIE:

I will work on this for the next meeting on Oct 24 and have something ready for formal discussion. Please everyone consider any changes or thoughts in time for that next meeting.

2017-07/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2017-07/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2017-07/5a **Next meeting:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 @ 6:00PM in SUB 6-06.

2017-07/5b HOWIE/JONES MOVE to adjourn at 19:05 (7:05PM).

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CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm

MOTION:	RESULT:
JONES/THIBAudeau MOVE to approve the agenda.	6/0/0 CARRIED
PIASECKI/BROPHY MOVE to approve the minutes.	6/0/0 CARRIED
PACHES/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #4 - Removing Student Group Operating Policy Requirements, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the previous first principles.	6/0/0 CARRIED
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