



**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018
6:00PM
Earls Kitchen + Bar, University Campus**

ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES (BC 2017-14)

2017-14/1 INTRODUCTION

2017-14/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by CHRISTENSEN.

2017-14/1b Approval of Agenda

JONES/PIASECKI MOVE to approve the amended agenda.

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CARRIED

2017-14/1c Approval of Minutes

JONES/BROPHY MOVE to approve the minutes.

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CARRIED

2017-14/1d Chair's Business

2017-14/1e Attendance was taken. Those in attendance were noted above.

2017-14/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2017-14/2a DIE Board Ruling 2017-03 Review

The committee discussed the ruling. Identified the Bylaw is very clear surrounding what constitutes conflict of interest. Even being biased as a member of a faculty association is clearly listed within Bylaw 100 so that could not be used as grounds for appeal. There was no legal bearing in this case.

2017-14/2b DFU Renewal Changes

PACHES proposed a structure of DFUs where instead of renewal plebiscites every 5 years we should move it to every 7-10 years. He suggested this would help reduce voter fatigue and address ballots being too long. Further, he suggested it would give these organizations longer to know they can survive. Under the current framework, they are up for renewal every 5 years and their longevity is oft in question. Under this new proposal, DFUs who missed submitting important documents would go to referendum the next year if they were non-compliant. Also, he would have it so that Students' Council could call a referendum on the fee at any time.

CHRISTENSEN responded saying that 10 years is too long to go without plebiscite. He indicated that 5 years is a good length as, essentially, every student during their 4 year degree would be able to vote on every DFU. Therefore, they could give their opinion of the fee at least once during their degree. In the 10 year option this would be too long and people would forget the DFU even existed. Mentioned he liked the idea of sending

the fees to plebiscite every time they were non-compliant and also allowing Students' Council to call referendums should they have concerns.

Other members saw merit in both sides and would allow Bylaw Committee to discuss the matter more next year.

2017-14/2c Brainstorming for next year

PIASECKI suggested eliminating online voting and moving back to physical ballots. PACHES agreed, said technology made us complacent.

CHRISTENSEN disagreed and provided context saying that the last time there was physical ballots + online voting 99% of ballots were cast online.

THIBAUDEAU suggested that the online voting system should be kept and we should consider moving back to a hybrid system.

CHRISTENSEN mentioned physical polling stations were eliminated in 2015 and prior to that they were just computers where people could vote in-person on the online voting system.

2017-14/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2017-14/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2017-14/5 ADJOURNMENT

2017-14/5a Next meeting: There are no further meetings scheduled. This will be the last meeting of Bylaw Committee for the 2017/2018 term.

2017-14/5b CHRISTENSEN/PACHES MOVE to adjourn at 8:00PM.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.