

BYLAW COMMITTEE

**17 August 2021
6:00 pm
Google Meet**

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Emily Kimani		Y
Abner Monteiro		Y
Samar Barazesh		Y
Chris Beasley		Y
Nicole De Grano, chair		Y
Vaughn Beaulieu Mercredi		Y
Nathan Brandwein		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Thomas Banks		N/A
Marc Dumouchel		N/A

MINUTES (BC 2021-07)

2021-07/1

INTRODUCTION

2021-07/1a

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:06 P.M.

2021-07/1b

Approval of Agenda

BARAZESH/BRANDWEIN MOVED to approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2021-07/1c

Approval of Minutes

2021-07/1d

Chair's Business

2021-07/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2021-07/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2021-07/3a

Governance Restructuring Task Force

DUMOUCHEL: Outlined that GRTF reform recommendations will be written as discussion papers developed by Abner, Kristen, and Marc.

DEGRANO: Inquired as to whether Bylaw will have involvement in creating the discussion papers.

DUMOUCHEL: Responded that Bylaw can make comments to draft papers.

DEGRANO: Inquired as to the support Bylaw can have in addressing the issue of Council seat distribution.

DUMOUCHEL: Responded that this issue will not be addressed before the end of January.

DUMOUCHEL: Outlined that GRTF changes fall into several categories: bylaw structure, student senate, Council size, Council committees, SRA changes, and fee governance. Suggested, for bylaw structure, that reforms look at the specificity of bylaw, the ease of changing, the updating of schedules, and general matters of accessibility. Suggested, for student senate, that reforms look at the involvement of SRA and FA, the roles and powers of the senate, and the membership of the senate. Suggested, for Council size, that reforms look at the size, function, and workload of Council. Suggested, for Council Committees, that reforms look at reviewing committee mandates, creating new committees (eg. Ethics or operational committees), introducing student-at-large members, and reviewing committee classifications. Suggested, for SRA changes, that reforms look at raising the bar for SRA creation and addressing questions of representation for overlapping constituencies. Confirmed that fee governance issues will be addressed by the Fee Governance Restructuring Task Force.

MERCREDI: Proposed integrating Aboriginal perspectives in the restructuring planning.

DUMOUCHEL: Agreed.

DEGRANO: Emphasised that Bylaw has limited capacity to prepare discussion papers independently. Inquired as to whether there is a timeline for their creation.

DUMOUCHEL: Responded that the timeline for change implementation will depend upon the results of consultation at Council and with students. Suggested that changes could be completed within the year if there is

widespread agreement at Bylaw and Council. Requested that Mercredi work to integrate Aboriginal perspectives.

BARAZESH: Agreed that consultation should be targeted. Suggested that DIE Board could take on the role of an Ethics Committee.

DUMOUCHEL: Responded that DIE is not the most appropriate venue given that issues of internal ethics are political, subjective, and culturally mediated.

2021-07/3b

Bylaw 8000

BEASLEY: Determined to table discussion of Bylaw 8000 until the next meeting.

2021-07/3c

Bylaw 2000 First Principles

MONTEIRO: Updated that changes apply to terminology, defining types of consultation, establishing the importance of treaty rights.

MERCREDI: Proposed amending 25.1 to use the term Aboriginal.

MONTEIRO: Agreed.

MONTEIRO/BARAZESH MOVED to approve Bylaw 2000 First Principles.
CARRIED

2021-07/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-07/5

ADJOURNMENT

DEGRANO: Adjourned the meeting at 7.05pm.