

**Bylaw
COMMITTEE**

**March 24, 2022
12:30 PM
Zoom**

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Emily Kimani		Y
Abner Monteiro		Y
Samar Barazesh, Chair		Y
Chris Beasley		N
Vaughn Beaulieu-Mercredi		Y
Nathan Brandwein		Y
Gurleen Kaur		N
Lucas Marques		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A
Ethan Hunter		N/A

MINUTES (BC-2021-18-M)

2021-18/1 INTRODUCTION

2021-18/1a Call to Order

BARAZESH CALLED MEETING TO ORDER at 12:35 P.M.

2021-18/1b Approval of Agenda

2021-18/1c Approval of Minutes

2021-18/1d Chair's Business

- Bylaw review progress report
- LettuceMeet

2021-18/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2021-18/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Bylaw 2300 - Replenishment Procedure

MONTEIRO: Goes over replenishment procedure as Abner brought a motion to Council Tuesday talking about making a temporary replenishment procedure for GFC and Students' Council Elections. First-principles are a need to create a procedure and what it could look like for the procedure. Drew up some possible scenarios of what it could look like with 2 components in there. Determined that there would be direct no impact on the bylaw. Even if something is written in the bylaw, there can't be a ruling on DIE Board if not utilized. When bringing the reading forward, they will bring the first reading forward as well to make sure there are no issues with this bylaw. There are small changes in the process. Goes over the first reading on a temporary replenishment by the Students Council. Goes over the second option of a temporary replenishment by the Students Council. The one-page interest would just fill a vacancy for that certain time period and would be on a first come first serve basis until all vacancies are filled. The second option would be trickier, however. Would work in the same way the first one would work but instead of sending to the speakers' chain, it would be sent to NomCom.

BRANDWEIN: Inquires if option 2 is similar to what another VP did in the previous year

MONTEIRO: This option is different as the previous option was more complex for the Student Council. With option 2, Student Council does not directly relate to GFC.

BRANDWEIN: Agrees there is more complexity from the Student Council side. Wants to possibly look at a 2 tier approach and thinks it's easier if it is done under 1 body

MONTEIRO: Thinks the Student's Council is best for putting through

a vote to due instances such as conflict of interest as opposed to NomCom as there are only a select few on NomCom

MARQUES: Temporary wording would be added to avoid conflict of interest. NomCom could appoint members to GFC. For SC, the first option would be best for the speaker as it is not up to any other councillor. Can vote by a majority to appoint someone temporarily but will be very time consuming so there wouldn't be a point in doing the process at all. Thinks it is the most secure and time-efficient way. As summer comes, people are going to interact with Council change so it's best to do it now before the semester ends

KIMANI: Inquires about the biggest difference between options 1 & 2 as one is through NomCom and the other is through Council

MONTEIRO: Option 1 is more transparent as it will be put on the Order Papers. Also makes it more democratic as well. NomCom meets whenever necessary and has met regularly this year to get work done. If it was through the Council, they only meet every 2 weeks which makes the process slightly cleaner. They want to make sure seats are filled for the GFC meeting. It is important to find a way to do this through one body rather through multiple as well.

MARQUES: The issue is that it doesn't have the complete ability to go through NomCom so Council may not be able to see it if it isn't passed in the committee and helps with transparency as well. It also becomes a barrier for those who do not know who the candidate is

KIMANI: Inquires if it is done in closed or open

MONTEIRO: Can be done in open as it should be evaluated by everybody and an opportunity to have a discussion but they are going to have to write a letter of interest and why they want to be a member of Council. The more steps to add, the more challenging it becomes to manage. The goal is to make it as successful as possible to apply for council positions and not intimidate them

BRANDWEIN: Wanted more information on the bylaw as the replenishment process can happen anytime up to a by-election but see there is no fixed time. Inquires if there needs to be a change to a number of bylaws

MONTEIRO: There would be changes to bylaws. Another option is if

the bylaw goes through and they keep their seat again and can go through a replenishment or fill a vacancy. The goal originally is to get students to get involved in student governance. There are over 40 positions that can be filled by councillors. If there are only 25, it can be overwhelming to fill all positions and can be hard to enjoy time on Council if the workload is too much. In the meantime, the Council will still have work to do and to make sure those seats are filled.

MARQUES: These are interim positions, as well. It can encourage people to run if more seats are filled as it will decrease workloads. A full Council will be best for everyone and will make workloads easier

BRANDWEIN: Acknowledges students will have an interest in running during summer as they have more free time during then. Replenishing those seats over time can be overwhelming for students serving on multiple committees. Thinks option 1 is the best.

MARQUES: Would like to add that as long as only one person submits 1 submission, then does not need signatures and can serve on council without signatures. This would be the easiest option to get onto Council

BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: Likes the student council option over NomCom

BARAZESH: Inquires if everyone is on board with option 1

Committee Agrees

MONTEIRO: Can be sent to next council for a vote and thinks it is best to draft a motion more formally as it is just a draft currently. Inquires if a formal motion should be drafted and can send out an e-vote if the committee wants

BARAZESH: A draft will be fine and can help with it as well. What only needs to go to the Council is the letter of intent. The letter of intent for vacancies was something that was brought up during bylaw and talked to Kristen about. Wants people to have a good understanding of being a student representative and make sure they are held accountable of being a student representative

MONTEIRO: Agrees

KIMANI: Also need to think about making Council accessible. The person running should present various forms of intent, signatures, academic, eligibility, nomination package to the CRO

MARQUES: Speaker would only put the motion to vote and not reject the nomination as they would only be responsible for putting it on the table for a vote. Would have to ensure in the CRO transition is knowing how to do this process. Will make a new nomination package for the transition that is similar to the status quo

BARAZESH: Inquires on a start date for people being able to submit their packages

MONTEIRO: Start date would be as soon as the bylaw is approved as they need to give time for the speaker to put it on the agenda

MARQUES: As soon as GFC and Councillors elections are done, people can start submitting their packages. The time period to submit for more seats will be about 24 hours before the next council.

BARAZESH: Inquires what if there is a balance to give people time to hand in packages and others that have already handed in theirs

MARQUES: Will be run on a first come first serve basis but will be 24 hours before the next Council to ensure there is a time gap between one who submits their package and the next

MONTEIRO: There is no way to determine how many people will apply so it is tricky to form a timeline. Currently, there is not a timeline to determine since they don't know how many are going to apply. Will take up a lot of time itself in council as a process.

MARQUES: A timeline can be a discussion item for Council

BARAZESH: A deadline will be needed when highlighting procedures. Inquires for when the cutoff should be for councillors.

MONTEIRO: They also always need to consider options for how many are running, if someone drops, is removed from Council, etc. They also need to consider how many applications can be accepted so thinks there should be a threshold for the number of people accepted as a nominee due to limited seats in Council

- **Bylaw 8000 Final Review**

DHILLON: Sent Samar final review series. Talked to various boards and had more personal consultations with some presidents that were involved in the bylaw series as well. Consultation has been very extensive but confident about the bylaw moving forward. Expresses that fee renewal and fee creation are slightly different, however. Changes and reallocation of budget reports moving forward have been also included. Thinks it is ready to go to Council now and when back from a leave of absence, bylaw committee can motion to get it added to Council. Once passed, the bylaw will be sent to those who have had previous consultations with then will get second principles done and passed at the following meeting. Claims they are done the bulk of the consultation already.

BARAZESH: Inquires if the first principles will be done by Dhillon

DHILLON: Will do first principles first and will get second principles passed later. Wants to get it approved first

MONTEIRO: Inquires on some of the changes. Can't get approved until a first reading is submitted. Can't have first and second principles passed at the same time

DHILLON: There will be a first reading again and will get written feedback from consultation and will move on to second principles.

2021-18/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-18/5

ADJOURNMENT

2021-18/5a

Next Meeting: TBD

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:27 P.M.