



BYLAW COMMITTEE NAME MINUTES

2012 - 2013 # meeting 4

Date: August 15, 2012 *Time:* 5:30 pm

In Attendance:

Smith, Babic, Sumar, Choudhry, Kelly, Kochikuzhyil, Khinda,

Excused Absence:

None

Others in Attendance:

None

**1. CALL TO
ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by *Smith* at 5:32 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Sumar moved that the *August 15, 2012* agenda be approved as *amended*.
Seconded by *Choudhry*.

*Vote on Motion #7 In Favor / #0 Not In Favor / #0 Absent
CARRIED.*

**3. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Smith amended minutes to include a *deletion of amendment of agenda to not have to include the items that is already in it (#2)*, *Smith Moved that editing section 7 subsection 2 "is" not "I"*.

Choudhry moved that the *June 13, 2012* minutes be approved as *amended*.
The motion was seconded by *Babic*.

*Vote on Motion #7 In Favor / #0 Not In Favor / #0 Absent
CARRIED.*

**4.
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Joint meeting (Summary)

**-talked about different voting systems, delineation between committees,
talked about/brainstorm as noda as a candidate**

**-after the meeting, issue with ruling with student council to put an
attendance requirement but was taken out when councilor remuneration
was taken out**

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

a. Kevin will get total council meetings and gather data on categories (How many absences did councilors have? And Total Attendance of councilors) and send that to each councilor

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Smith moved that *there shall be a progression of penalties for missed absences and the outline for that progression of penalties is: Email, Phone, FA contact, Interview with Student Council or CAC and with some level of temporary suspension, suspension and expulsion.*
The motion was seconded by *Choudhry*.

Progression of Penalties for missed absence: (Ideas)

a-Email-miss 1 meeting

b-Phone-miss 3 meetings out of total meetings starting from the first meeting they missed

Note: Most missed meetings missed by a councilor to date is 50% of the meetings; If people have other obligations-excused absences (then you would just get a proxy)

c- FA contact

d-Interview with Student Council or CAC, with some level of temporary suspension, and combine them with a proxy list

Note: can appeal or come and say your case then later time will get suspended or expelled?-give an appeal process; once suspended will be given options either reply, appeal or ignore and information for proxies but from the same faculty; maybe from the x amount of time contacted but then what if the proxy doesn't want to come

-what will that do though other than prolong the kicking off process?-gives the individual that avenue/ have an interview and also will provide representation

e-Suspension

f-Expulsion

Vote on Motion #7 *In Favor / #0 Not In Favor / #0 Absent*
CARRIED.

10. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

From Joint Meeting: (Mandatory Participation Issue)

-renumeration summary is \$1000/ year; 34, 000 budget and with that there was an attendance requirement; if you missed 3 in a row and failed to obtain proxy then will get kicked out or 5 in total
-in 2003, there was a case where a candidate had 97% of voters in the riding and was kicked out due to long term proxy because they were away for the summer but the proxy did not show up and no one could get a hold of him

-But is this something valuable to bring back? (to hold people accountable)
-What are current enforcement methods?-if someone doesn't attend 3 meetings in a row then will tell their FA (more like a shaming strategy) But there should be something more powerful?
-most people are good with attendance but there could be other cases such as the Native Studies Councilor

-Recommendation: the ones that were candidates but were not selected could then perhaps be on a proxy list; Progressive penalties
-But is writing in bylaw able to increase participation?- or are there other avenues for example, for every time a councilor does not attend then will receive an email from the speaker; but there should be more proactive/friendlier ways and some formal reprimand as well (discuss both aspects)

-right now it seems really lenient; if one absence it could result in a serious consequence (expulsion)
-It is not about the proxy pool but about the responsibilities of the councilors; but it was frustrating for councilors when students did not show up for council and would resign on the deadline (Aug. 15)
-currently there are 8 spots on council open-Augustana, engineering, nursing, open studies, etc.
-have not seen the bylaw existing before it was taken out and the discussion didn't bring up this issue (from Smith listening to the tapes)

- 11. REPORTS** *None*
- 12. CLOSED SESSION** *NIL*
- 13. NEXT MEETING** *August 29, 2012 and at 5:30 pm.*
- 14. ADJOURNMENT** *Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion was seconded by Babic.
Vote on Motion #7 In Favor / #0 Not In Favor / #0 Absent
CARRIED.
Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.*