



# BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2012 - 2013 # meeting 5

Date: August 29, 2012

Time: 5:30 pm

In Attendance:

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

Excused Absence:

None

Others in Attendance:

None

**1. CALL TO  
ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by *Smith* at 5:35 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

*Kelly* amended agenda to include *Amendment to bylaw 2200 to new business.*

*Kelly* moved that the *August 29, 2012* agenda be approved as *amended.*  
Seconded by *Choudhry.*

Vote on Motion #7 *In Favor* / #1 *Not In Favor* / #1 *Absent*  
**CARRIED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

*Smith* moved that the *August 15, 2012* minutes be approved *amended.*  
The motion was seconded by *Khinda.*

Vote on Motion #7 *In Favor* / #1 *In Favor* / #1 *Absent*  
**CARRIED.**

**4.  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**None**

**5. REVIEW OF  
ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Smith is to compile the data and the averages for people with Khinda's assistance**
- 2. All attendees in the Bylaw Committee meeting shall think about the percentages for councilor attendance record discussion for next meeting**
- 3. Sumar will get back to Bylaw Committee with regards to the wording for when the first council meeting should be (Section of Bylaw 100)**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Councilor Attendance Records**

**a. Questions:**

- i. How many meetings at council?-22 meetings (2 a month but could change depending on the time of the year)**
- ii. What is a reasonable baseline/percentage?-if a councilor is to miss a certain percentage within or by a specific time that data would be beneficial (for example: if a councilor has missed 6 meetings at the beginning of the term vs. if a councilor has missed 6 meetings in total for the their term)**
- iii. Who is the one in charge of the Councilor's attendance?-Nicole or Rory but if you are looking to ask for information the one to go to is Nicole**
- iv. If one were to miss half of the meeting would it still count as one absence?-yes**
- v. What about excused absences?-unknown, nothing specified for this topic**

**b. Suggestions:**

- i. With regards to the baseline/percentage, perhaps the count could start at the first missed meeting.**
- ii. With regards to the penalties for absence from meetings, councilors should have the opportunity to make an appeal.**
- iii. With regards to the penalties for absence from meetings, expulsion can still be up to a committee's decision or CAC.**

**c. Even if Smith were to compile data, each year's attendance of councilors vary so not sure how beneficial the research will be**

**d. Keep in mind that suspension after the by election will result in the reduction of faculty representation; But at the same time if the councilor is already missing an x amount of meetings then they are being negligent**

**e. Replenishment could be achieved if there is a waiting list for that faculty such as Arts, Science, Business, etc.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Sumar moved that upon recommendation by the Bylaw Committee to amend bylaw 2200 so that the campaign period occurs in 7 business days.*  
The motion was seconded by *Smith*.

**Bylaw 2200**

**-amendment: section #17 CRO shall announce campaign –to change 7 days to campaign to 5 days (total of 7) to campaign; last year was the first year that 7 days (total of 9) of campaigning was allowed; so you were allowed campaigning on the days that you could vote on**  
**-want a 7 day campaign rather than 9 day campaign**  
**-9 days of campaigning is not favorable because not only is there candidate fatigue but also voters don't care anymore which could**

decrease in voter turnout

-campaign period from 9 to 7 cannot be changed due to the wording of the current bylaw

-but wanted a mandate campaign

-voter turnout didn't increase substantially (1.5 % increase)

Vote on Motion #8 In Favor / #0 Not In Favor / #0 Absent  
CARRIED.

## 2. Section of bylaw 100 (Tabled)

a. section 8, 4c talking about altering this: first council meeting was right during exams and so recommendation was to move first council date back

### b. Question:

i. When do final exams start?-2<sup>nd</sup> week of April and exams go up to exams the Saturday before then and keep in mind that exam date is slightly different for each faculty

ii. Is this potentially removing the meeting in the middle or move the past year's council one more meeting?-just shift the entire schedule of council by a week or two weeks -the gap between May 1 and first meeting (there is a gap because Council have not met yet and this gives speaker the ability to call the first meeting more relaxed

### c. Suggestions:

i. Just move the first meeting date a couple weeks later or by a few days which gives flexibility

ii. To make the meeting within a period of time rather than a set date for now since each faculty's exams may be at different times

iii. May 14 (recommendation) and gives an extra week to schedule a meeting-bring to council to first and second meeting

## 10. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

None

## 11. REPORTS

None

## 12. CLOSED SESSION

NIL

## 13. NEXT MEETING

Not known/undecided

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

Sumar moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
The motion was seconded by Kelly.

Vote on Motion #8 *In Favor* / #0 *Not In Favor* / #0 *Absent*  
*CARRIED.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 *pm.*