

Bylaw Committee

August 26th is the next meeting.

Grehan moves the Nom Com discussion to before the draft of First Reading bills and the agenda was approved.

Grehan moves to approve the minutes from last meeting. (4-0-1, Hodgson abstains)

Nominating Committee Discussion:

Chelen presents his findings from question posed during the last discussion on the Nominating Committee.

All seem to agree that it seems counter productive to have a by-election immediately followed by an appointment process.

Eric moves that Bylaw committee recommend to student council that the following bill be approved in first reading: (5-0-0)

First Principles

1. Students' Council will have a standing committee titled the "Nominating Committee"
2. The Nominating Committee will be subject to the rules current Council standing committees are subject to.
3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the VPA, VPX, and 5 members of Council.
4. The Nominating Committee shall have a quorum of 5 members.
5. The Nominating Committee shall solicit and review applications and recommend the appointment of students-at-large on GFC, GFC subcommittees, University advisory committees, University executive hiring committees, and the Senate.
6. The Nominating Committee shall only recommend the appointment of students to GFC when vacancies still exist after the election.
7. The Nominating Committee has the authority to determine the application process and criteria.
8. The Council Administration Committee shall relinquish its role in Senate student appointments.

Hodgson thinks that a discussion should be had on multiple year appointments for GFC, as the learning curve is not a short one, and multiple year appointments might go a long ways to making student GFC representatives more effective.

First Principles of Conflict of Interest Discussion:

We should discuss organizational conflict of interest when we arrive at second reading to include in the definition of conflict of interest.

Grehan moves that Bylaw Committee recommend to Students Council that they pass the following bill in first reading: (5-0-0)

Conflict of Interest First Principles

- *Conflict of interest includes any situation where an impartial observer may reasonably question whether the actions or decisions of a member of council were influenced by their personal or financial interests, given a divergence between those interests and their obligations to Students' Council.*
- *Councilors determined to be in a conflict of interest via the flowchart must refrain from voting. They must choose to recuse themselves from debate or declare any conflict of interest to Council prior to debate.*
- *Councilors appointed as a Students' Council representative to the board of a DFU represent the interests of the Students' Union, not that Dedicated Fee Unit. As such, they may freely vote on and discuss issues related to that DFU.*
- *Students' Council recognizes that most inappropriate conduct related to conflict of interest issues is not malicious, and commits itself to resolving conflict of interest issues informally and at the earliest possible step. (See the attached flowchart for proposed procedures.)*

~ Flowchart is attached ~

Grehan moves to adjourn at 7:03pm. (5-0-0)