



# BYLAW COMMITTEE MINUTES

2011-2012 # 7

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*Date: July 27, 2011*

*Time: 6:06 PM*

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In Attendance:

*Woods, Gould, Johnson, Eslinger, Karuvelil (6:08), Sumar (6:31)*

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Excused Absence:

*Iskander*

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Others in Attendance:

*Insert names of Non-committee Members present*

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**1. CALL TO  
ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by *WOODS* at 6:06 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

*JOHNSON* moved that the *July 21, 2011* agenda be approved as *tabled*.  
Seconded by *GOULD*.

Vote on Motion 4/0/3  
*CARRIED*.

**3. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

*No Minutes*

**4.  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WOODS Wants to get the Impeachment Document ready for first reading.**

**Processes of passing bylaws and policies can be reviewed at a later date if there is no time during this meeting.**

**5. REVIEW OF  
ACTION ITEMS**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**8. DISCUSSION AND Impeachment Discussion**

**INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

**ESLINGER discussed MICKALYK'S DIE Board Presentation from the last meeting**

**MICKALYK had not heard of an automatic referral to DIE Board. As was discussed previously in committee meetings, the Bylaw Committee would hope by second reading the person being impeached would step down.**

**MICKALYK confirmed that DIE Board is able to look at grounds of Impeachment, and therefore, the bylaw committee can use DIE Board as a judicial board. DIE Board would have the final say and has the power to look at whether or not there were grounds for impeachment.**

**WOODS: Do we include DIE Board in the legislation? Is it necessary to mention that the accused has the right to a hearing with DIE Board, or is that common sense?**

**JOHNSON, ESLINGER and KARUVELIL agree it is best to state that the person being impeached has the right to appeal to DIE Board in the Bylaw. Having this in writing covers the base of the person being impeached saying "I did not know there was somebody to appeal to."**

**After the second reading is complete, the accused has a right to appeal with the DIE Board.**

**If DIE Board ruled opposite of a Council decision, the Council decision would be reversed.**

**Discussion of when the person would actually be Impeached.**

**Members of the Board of Governors are not employees, and therefore, they are part of the Council and the Impeachment Bylaw applies to them as well as the Executive.**

**WOODS will look into the processes of removing Employed members of the Student Union.**

**Discussed the opening paragraph of the Impeachment Document**

**Broad versus Narrow Legislation discussed.**

**Pros and cons of an exhaustive list of grounds for impeachment discussed.**

**General wording of the opening paragraph discussed.**

**The procedure for impeachment will be discussed after the first reading of**

**the Impeachment Document.**

**Brief discussion of some questions that may be brought up by Council in the first reading that the Bylaw Committee may not have discussed earlier.**

**Reiteration that a 2/3 majority of council members present with quorum is necessary to pass something.**

**Timeline for trying to pass the bylaw discussed.**

**SUMAR: At the next council meeting somebody has to suspend standing orders in order to be able to make a motion and pass it in the same council meeting.**

*SUMAR moves to send this finalized impeachment document to council for first reading.*

*Seconded by JOHNSON*

*Vote on motion 6/0/1*

*CARRIED*

*SUMAR moves to direct the chair to create a presentation for the next council meeting on August 16.*

*Seconded by ESLINGER*

*Vote on motion 6/0/1*

*CARRIED*

**Discussion: Process of Passing Bylaws and Policies**

**WOODS discussed the idea of adding a third reading to the process.**

**After discussion of the pros and cons of adding a third reading, the committee disagreed with the addition of one.**

## **9. REPORTS**

## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

## **11. NEXT MEETING** *August 24, 2011 6:00 PM*

*SUMAR moves to schedule the next meeting on August 24, 2011 at 6:00 PM*

*Seconded by JOHNSON.*

*Vote on motion 6/0/1*

*CARRIED*

**12. ADJOURNMENT** *SUMAR* moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
The motion was seconded by *KARUVELIL*.

Vote on Motion 6/0/1  
*CARRIED*.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.