

# Bylaw COMMITTEE

# July 8th, 2020 4:00PM

**Google Meet** 

#### **ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Christian Fotang		Y/N
Alana Krahn		
Talia Dixon		
Nicole de Grano		
Eric Einarson		
Ana Oliveira		
Lucas Marques		

### **AGENDA/MINUTES (ACRONYM 2020-05)**

2020-05/1	INTRODUCTION
2020-05/1a	Call to Order
2020-05/1b	Approval of Agenda
2020-05/1d	Chair's Business
2020-05/2	QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD
2020-05/2a	- VP Draper suggested addition for Bylaw 1

- P Draper suggested addition for Bylaw 1100

   #1 the addition of 4-3-D. Shall oversee and critically
  - examine the governance structure and supports at the Students' Union and;
- #2 4-3-E. Shall provide support to the student members

# of the General Faculties Council as well as work to ensure student seats are filled.

- Discussion on comments from review of bylaws 2100-2200

2020-05/3	COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2020-05/3a	LUCAS MOVES TO APPROVE Second Principles of Bill 3
2020-05/3b	Lucas MOVES TO APPROVE Second Principles of Bill 4
2020-05/3c	Ana/Eric MOVE TO APPROVE First Principles of Bill 5
2020-05/3d	Ana/Eric MOVE TO APPROVE First Principles of Bill 6
2020-05/3e	Fotang MOVES TO APPROVE 1st Principles of Bill 7
2020-05/4	INFORMATION ITEMS
2020-05/4a	Bill 3 Second Principles Bill 4 Second Principles Bill 5 First Principles Bill 6 First Principles Bill 7 First Principles Sample Nomination Package
2020-05/5	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
2020-05/5a	Next Meeting: July 22nd 2020, 4:00PM, Google Meet

#### 7 Elections Staff Terms of Office

- 1. The Chief Returning Officer shall serve from May 1 to April 30 of the following year.
- 2. The Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall serve from December 1 to April 30 of the following year.

#### 8 Duties of the Elections Staff

- 1. The duties of the C.R.O. shall include:
  - a. overseeing the implementation of the Elections Bylaw, which includes Bylaws 2100, 2200, 2250, 2300, 2400, and 2500.
  - b. such duties required of the C.R.O. under Bylaw 100 and 8100; and
  - c. being the highest responsible manager of the Elections Office and elections staff, particularly when interpreting, enforcing, and delegating authority afforded by the aforementioned Bylaws.
- 2. The duties of the Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall include:
  - a. such duties as may be required of the D.R.O.(s) under the Elections Bylaws, Bylaws 2100, 2200, 2250, 2300, 2400 and 2500.
  - b. such assistance as required by the Chief Returning Officer in the discharge of their duties, as set out in Section 8(1).
  - c. In the event the C.R.O. is incapacitated and can not complete the duties of the office, C.A.C. shall assign those duties to another member of the elections staff in the interim.
- 3. Duties of the elections staff to be found in Bylaw include but are not limited to;
  - a. conducting the balloting process; and
  - b. conducting the elections; and
  - c. the advertisement of elections; and
  - d. submitting to the Speaker, as soon as practically possible, a report containing the results of any election of members to Students' Council; and
  - e. determining the allocation of Councillors before the release of every nomination package and forthwith tabling Students' Council a report detailing the allocation of Councillors and the statistics used to reach that allocation; and

- f. determining the dates for all nomination deadlines, elections cycles, and voting days; and
- g. the validation and posting of all nomination packages, plebiscite and referendum petitions; and
- h. all relevant consultation and committee engagements; and
- i. duties as prescribed in Bylaw 8100 including the running of plebiscites;
   and
- j. with the assistance of Discover Governance the creation and dissemination of Vacancy Petitions.

# 27 Campaign Materials

- 1. The cost of all campaign materials shall be approved by the elections staff before being used in campaign activities. Candidates shall provide the elections staff with:
  - a. a written estimate of the cost of the proposed campaign material, including the source of that cost; and
  - b. the complete contents of the proposed campaign material.
- 2. The elections staff shall provide in confidence a written or electronic approval or refusal of campaign materials within eight (8) working hours of receiving a request as set out in Section 27(1).
- 3. Where a candidate contravenes Section 27 the offending campaign materials shall be destroyed and the C.R.O. may assess an additional penalty to that candidate, as set out in Section 41.

#### 12 Standing Committee Membership

- 1. Change the name of the Translation Committee to French Equity Committee.
  - a. This allows the committee to take a holistic care of matters regarding the French community. As the committee stands now it is objectively not as useful for the French student community as it could be. This change would allow for more French representation.
  - b. The Committee will do more work for French Advocacy on North Campus by consulting with Campus Saint Jean and French Groups on Campus, and report back to the council.
  - c. Work on making SU advertisements more French friendly through translation and representation.
  - d. Translation will still be an important part of the committee
- 2. The committee shall consist of 7 voting members instead of 5. 4 of which would be students at large, 2 seats from those 4 seats for students at large would have to be recruited from Campus Saint Jean.
  - a. For this type of committee it is important to have representation from students at large as it will increase SU student engagement and bring important and diverse perspectives. It will also avoid being in an echo chamber.
  - b. Furthermore, it enhances the translation aspect of the committee.

# Structure of the French Equity Committee

#### Students Council



# French Equity Committee

- 3 members of council
- 2 SAL from CSJ
- 2 additional SAL



## Advertising, Consultation and Advocacy

- 3 members of Council 3 SAL positions



#### Translation Crew

- 2 SAL from CSJ
- 1 additional SAL
- Up to 5 Volunteers

Bylaw 600: Students Union Bilingualism

First Readings:

#### Translation Requirements

- 1. Add advertising to the documents that have to made publicly available in French
- 1. Instead of hiring a certified professional translator, the translation audit shall be executed by the French Equity Committee
  - a. The completion of the translation of the governing documents shall be completed by the Translation Crew, which will be sub-committee implemented to do the translating in a timely and organized manner. There will be up to 7 volunteers. The members will be volunteers hired by the French Equity Committee, as well as some of the members of the committee. The translations will be reviewed by the French Equity Committee.
- 2. Translations shall be made available 1 month after their passage instead of 3 months
- 3. Edits after the translation audit shall be corrected after 2 weeks.

#### Bill 7 First Principles

Due to the unforeseen changes caused by CO-VID 19, the nature of student council election campaigns will undoubtedly be different from previous years. The C.R.O has suggested changes that are necessary in order to make sure that we not only attract candidates in this upcoming by-election as well as the general election but also to make sure that the procedure is easy and makes as much sense as possible. Such changes include:

- No list/signatures of nominators
- Replacing the letter of eligibility signed by faculty with an unofficial transcript (from beartracks) (Need to check if we can actually do this)
- An online candidates meeting (or maybe in-person as well as online)

The Bylaw committee proposes the creation of an emergency bylaw which shall temporarily override bylaw 2300 and shall include a clause enabling the extension of this emergency bylaw in the event that return to the current procedure is not recommended.