



## COMMITTEE NAME MINUTES

2013 - 2014 # meeting number

*Date: June 3, 2014*

*Time: 5:10 PM*

**In Attendance:**

*Natalia Binczyk (Chair)*

*James Hwang*

*Marina Banister*

**Excused Absence:**

*Tymothy Jaddock (Work commitment)*

**Others in Attendance:**

*Navneet Khinda*

*Bo Zhang*

*Umer Farooq*

*Saadiq Sumar*

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by *BINCZYK* 5:10 PM.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*ZHANG* amended agenda to include Council Standing Order clarification on students at large speaking during Council Meetings.

*KHINDA* amended agenda to include Council Menu discussion.

*KHINDA* amended agenda to include *Printing of Council Agendas*.

*KHINDA* amended agenda to include *Limiting speaking terms in Council*.

*BINCZYK* moved that the *June 3, 2014* agenda be approved as *amended*.

Seconded by *HWANG*.

Vote on Motion 4/0/0

**CARRIED**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*HWANG* moved that the *May 20, 2014* minutes be approved as *tabled*.

The motion was seconded by *BINCZYK*.

Vote on Motion 3/0/1

**CARRIED**

**4.**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5. REVIEW OF  
ACTION ITEMS**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS** *Binczyk* moved to amend Council Standing Orders section 23 (2) to read "The speaker will recognize guests when he or she has information particularly pertinent to debate or where councillor having obtained the floor extends his or her speaking privileges to the guest." The motion was seconded by *Bannister*. Motion carries 4/0/0.

**8. DISCUSSION AND  
INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

Council Intro and Exit Survey.

*Binczyk*: recommended by Rebecca from DG. Check how much councillors know before and then after. We can read each survey question and ratify them. Starting with Intro.

*Bannister*: I don't like it, but I like accountability.

*Zhang*: I don't think it should be expected at the beginning.

*Khinda*: I never thought about accountability, but it might be good for data keeping.

*Bannister*: Okay, I thought it was a test.

*Zhang*: Make the language more passive. And yes or no questions. It sounds like a test than a survey.

*Binczyk*: I agree it's very specific knowledge. We should keep it and reword it.

*Zhang*: What is the point of the survey?

*Binczyk*: SCET's recommendations about improving every year.

*Zhang*: It should be only at the end.

*Bannister*: I like being not specific.

*Hwang*: These are invasive questions.

*Zhang*: Will this be during Council?

*Binczyk*: It will be over email.

*Khinda*: Will it be CAC chair in charge of facilitating this?

*Binczyk*: It will be DG.

*Khinda*: What do you want to measure? Maybe we should come up with the principles first.

*Binczyk*: For me it's clear. We want to assess Council's efficiency, goals of Councillors, and the support that Councillors receive. We don't need to measure detailed knowledge.

*Zhang*: It sounds like it's testing my credibility not accountability.

Banister: It's very linear. The president would get the questions all right. But not a first year councillor.

Binczyk: But it will average out and we could see trends over years.

- What are SU's five core values?
- What is SU's political policy?
- How many Council Committees can you name?
- Bannister: I don't like what you expect Council. Because it's too broad. It could be personal, or political.
- Binczyk: It can be split into sections.
- Bannister: I like what do you achieve.
- Zhang: I like what do you want to experience.
- Binczyk: What do you think will be the biggest challenge in achieving your goals?
- We can add, what can we do to increase your knowledge or prepare you better for Council?
- Have you met your FA? Do you intend to keep in contact?
- What could be done to better prepare you?
- What kind of PD do you want?

Binczyk: So the general consensus is to cut out specific knowledge testing questions, and focus them more towards expectations and experiences of Council and their opinions?

Everyone: nods.

Binczyk: So we will keep the exit surveys pretty much similar to the intro survey. We can rephrase them so that they fit at the end of the year.

Khinda: I hate writing long answers. I think we should keep them multiple choice.

Zhang: But some questions need them.

Bannister: We can limit number of characters.

Zhang: When do you plan on having these surveys?

Binczyk: As early as possible in our terms.

Zhang: Some of the questions sound like it would be better to see how much more resources they might need. Couple of months?

Bannister: I agree. We should do it after Council Retreat.

Zhang: Dynamics between summer and school are different.

Binczyk: But that's why we have two surveys. If we have this information too late, then we can't provide the resources they need. I want them to be effective.

Khinda: I think we can do it after GovCamp.

Bannister: What about the By-election people?

Binczyk: I didn't think of them.

Khinda: Maybe after the Fall retreat.

Binczyk: I will work with Rebecca to make this better and make them into checkboxes. One after Summer Retreat, one after Fall Retreat for new councillors, and one at the end.

Clothing Order.

Binczyk: We can do clothes with SUBmart, which is a su business so the money returns to SU in a way. The lady in charge will get back to us later. What I want to know from cac is what clothing item do we actually want?

Banister wants two options, because having it either or is too restrictive. She proposes cardigans.

Friendly poll concludes that cardigans are opposed.

Zhang: do we have to wear it all the time?

Everyone: no.

Banister: clothes are free now, because it's more inclusive.

Binczyk: I will bring back a catalogue and come with more specific information.

Council Standing Orders discussion.

23.2 Modified rules of debate.

Khinda: We can ask DIE Board to interpret. Then we can change it. It'll be up to what we want it to be.

Binczyk: Regardless, we will need to change it and DIE board will recommend it.

Khinda: Usually people ask councillors to defer. It's the only way.

Zhang: So why don't we get rid of this whole clause cause it's confusing?

Zhang: I think we can just get rid of the beginning.

Council Menu discussion.

Khinda: we need to cut our costs and be sustainable and healthy.

Saadiq: you need to talk to Marc.

Khinda: getting rid of pop is good, and getting coffee and tea.

Binczyk: we can also get juice.

Khinda: we should get pitchers of water instead of bottles. We can also get rid of dessert.

Bannister: instead of dessert we can have fruits.

Bnczyk: I'm expecting some opposition. I think we should make it

less radical. Why don't we have less desert instead of fully eliminating it?

Khinda: The dessert is super expensive and unhealthy.

Binczyk: why isn't the reusable dish program being used?

Bannister: I was talking to Chloe about it and it is difficult.

Zhang: They don't like getting the dirty plates at the end of the night.

Bannister: They wont come and get them. It's sustain SU.

Zhang: It's the timing that's the issue?

Bannister: Yeah. But it worked last year.

Council Printing discussion.

Saadiq: how many councillors actually want paper copies of agendas? We are wasting a lot of paper.

Bannister: what are we doing now?

Saadiq: We are printing one out for every councillor.

Binczyk: We can put it in the survey.

Saadiq: I can just send out an email.

Banister: We can project the agenda on the screen. I like that a lot better.

Saadiq: But what about the timer?

Banister: Isn't there multiple screens?

Council Standing Orders.

Khinda: we need to change the speaking turn time to 4 mins from 6 mins. It's about keeping council more efficient.

Zhang: Is it two speaking turns?

Khinda: Yes, it's always been like this.

Binczyk: I will mention this during council tonight, so we can see what the response is like.

Umer: Are we looking at limiting meeting times too?

Binczyk: I'm not going to pursue this, because big things will be pushed. And what about paying the speaker? And what about food? A lot of financial messes will arise.

**9. REPORTS**

*NIL*

**10. CLOSED  
SESSION**

*NIL*

**11. NEXT MEETING** *June 17 at 5 PM.*

**12. ADJOURNMENT** *Hwang* moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
The motion was seconded by *Banister*.

Vote on Motion # 6/0/0

*CARRIED*

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.