



University of Alberta Students' Union
**COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017
5:00 PM
SUB 6-06**

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ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Reed Larsen (Chair)		Y
Kyle Monda		Y
Brandon Christensen		Y
Frederique Ndatirwa	Fahim Rahman	Y
Levi Flaman		Y
Nathan Sunday		Y
Nick Dejong	Maha Adnan	Y
Emil Yim (via phone)		Y
Victoria Dejong		Y

MINUTES (CAC 2016-17)

2016-17/1

INTRODUCTION

2016-17/1a

Call to Order

5:04 PM

LARSEN moves to special order council remunerations to all business of the agenda.

4/5/0

Motion FAILED

2016-17/1b Approval of Agenda

2016-17/1c Approval of Minutes

2016-17/1d Chair's Business

2016-17/2 OLD BUSINESS

2016-17/3 NEW BUSINESS

2016-17/3a DEJONG/RAHMAN MOVES to amend Students' Council Standing Orders (additions in bold):

10: Open Forum

1. Purpose: All registered guests of Council, such as students and media, have the right to ask questions to members of Council in Open Forum.

2. Length of Open Forum: Open Forum will be fifteen (15) minutes duration.

3. Extension of Open Forum: Open Forum will be extended once for fifteen (15) minutes each time upon the request of five voting members of Students' Council. Further extensions require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

4. Written Questions: Written questions may be submitted for inclusion with the Orders of the Day.

5. Priority of Written Questions: Written questions may be responded to in writing or orally, and will have priority over questions posed orally.

MONDA: Is happy to see this motion. Open forum has been messy multiple times this year but thinks we should consider some regulations for open forum: time limit for Qs, with the way OF (Open Forum) is set-up now if they're first in queue then can talk for entire 15 minutes, so a time limit would make it more equitable, decide how we want to integrate online questions and prioritize in-person vs. online questions.

RAHMAN: We should also consider from exec 1: high limit on the # of questions 2. Give speaker to rule question out of order if it's unrelated to SU or SC.

LARSEN: Would like to see it curtail to more personal questions so Qs about a Councillors personal life EG how much money do you make,

have you gone to a protest personally, those sort of questions could damage a person's character or put them in a jeopardized opinion.

CHRISTENSEN: Sometimes these meetings are excessively long, bogged down in admin things, an extra 15 minutes, 4 hours straight is not an effective use of time so more rigour should be used to make it more efficient.

DEJONG: Putting time limits should be put on councillors as well because she's a big fan of efficient meetings so we should put time limits across the board.

MONDA: A barrier to OF when discussing with SAL it unpredictability is when it happens - you never really know when it begins so students may not want to commit to sitting through all the presentations. Worth considering OF's position on the agenda as well.

LARSEN: doesn't mind if it comes first then question period comes after. Thinks a person at large could also come to presentations and ask questions afterwards.

DEJONG: Standing orders are vague.

RAHMAN: It's at the presenter's discretion.

SUNDAY: Doesn't think any time limit should be placed for questions, can place undue pressure on them esp those who don't like public speaking. It should be 5 placards instead of 3, it would be the same as last time. If extended 15 mins then councillors can do the same thing as they did here.

DEJONG: It's a no-win situation, either we can cut questions short but at the same time a gp of ppl took 1 ½ hours of council's time.

LARSEN: 5 people on council could ultimately extend Q period for hours vs. 3 so not outside realm. This has actually happened before.

MONDA: Thinks a time limit for questions wouldn't make it a rapid fire questioning but shouldn't be used a walk-in presentation space so should get someone to sponsor if you want to do a presentation, more equitable use of council's time.

CHRISTENSEN: If we don't put a time limit then 1 person can talk for longer.

MONDA: 5 mins/question?

LARSEN: Doesn't want to curtail.

DEJONG: Suggests that bc there's so many considerations and things aren't covered by the scope of this motion, suggests to vote on this motion and someone bringing a motion with actual text to discuss instead of dealing with the abstract. This is going outside of the scope of this one motion, there are gaps so if someone brought something to the committee, it would be more productive.

RAHMAN: Doesn't want ppl to add inefficiency by asking unrelated questions eg. personal questions. Speaker should have discretion on what's allowed.

LARSEN: In favor or challenge Speaker as well.

EMIL: If we were to add that, would like to see something to check Speaker's power for him to veto that.

LARSEN: Someone can always challenge Speaker on their motions which defaults to Robert's rule or Policy. Because this would be a standing order then it would go to Council to challenge the chair.

SUNDAY: He doesn't like that, form of censorship. Does Council have to answer questions?

RAHMAN: They can decline.

SUNDAY: So they have a right not to answer.

LARSEN: Q period has been used to box ppl into an answer in the past, even if it's no comment then it can reflect an answer that the person is attempting to get out of the councillor.

RAHMAN: Gives an example of a question that you'd prefer to say no comment then they would think of it as a diff. answer.

MONDA: Makes sense for now but should be explored further

FLAMAN: In favor, the current Speaker is well versed in standing order and procedures but may not always be the case and we may end up with a Speaker that may not be able to discern what's relevant.

LARSEN: We all understand our personal opinions.

MONDA: If we're concerned about censorship aspect of motion then Speaker has discretion for written Qs but not oral?

LARSEN: What likely will happen imo, then someone may say they're uncomfortable with that Q, can we debate? He posts Qs that he believes to be relevant but a problem could be a Speaker could not forward a Q anyway. If that happens, then he hopes that we would find out. Also suggests he can rule them out of order if they've been placed.

FLAMAN: What happens if person submitting question asks why their question was ruled out?

LARSEN: Ask Speaker

RAHMAN/LARSEN moves the amendment to amend Item 6: the Speaker has the authority to rule questions out of order, with these rulings listed on the minutes.

8/1/0

CARRIED

FLAMAN abstained.

FLAMAN: Against idea of OF, easy to suspend standing orders to let ppl talking during QP rather than giving their own time. Anything we do by limiting speaking time, may be censorship. Still on the fence. Where do we draw the line?

LARSEN: To the same standard we hold to ourselves. Thinks that this motion was brought forward by a certain instance but doesn't see it happening again.

MONDA: All the urgent issues need to be addressed.

CHRISTENSEN: Doesn't think this fixed all the problem.

DEJONG: Agrees.

DEJONG/RAHMAN moves to amend council standing orders in bold among with amendment to the amendment of Item 6.

6/3/0

CARRIED

2016-17/3b

MONDA/DEJONG MOVES to amend Students' Council Standing Orders by adding the following subsection:

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MONDA: Big list of presentations on SC website so it's presented as definitive record of presentations at SC but if you go to Standing Orders, it doesn't say that presentation has to be added here other than abstract. Doesn't think it's very transparent to present what happened during SC on the website. You can post whatever you want on the website is the problem vs what's actually presented to Council.

FLAM: So what you submit to the website is what you actually present.

LARSEN: Just submit it beforehand like we normally would

MONDA: It should be part of the process when giving a presentation to SC. It should have been: A new subsection 6 under a new subsection in standing orders.

FLAMAN: In favor, good for transparency, archival purposes.

ADNAN: In favor

Rahman: It's a standard expectation. Remembers some presentations that occurred but weren't listed.

9/0/0

MOTION CARRIED

2016-17/4

DISCUSSION

2016-17/4a

Recordings of Council Livestreams

MONDA: As directed by CAC, has been recording the livestreams of council. What do you want to do with the recordings or do you not want to be bothered by the recordings? It records video, audio, anything that anyone types.

LARSEN: Email DG and ask if they want it.

CHRISTENSEN: interesting moving forward, if it's mandated forever, just stopping the audio recording.

LARSEN: Has to store it somewhere, lots of memory storage.

MONDA: Comes down in a funky format, weird flash file so as of now, hosted by the U, can make a link to the recordings or download them or upload them to any SU service. The only consideration is the time to download it is equivalent to duration of livestream so if the meeting is 4

hours long then it will take 4 hours to download.

LARSEN: He could ask DG if they want it, maybe replace audio files but if it's in an inaccessible format then wait for diff. Version.

MONDA: We can keep recording just in case anyone goes rogue on chat.

RAHMAN: Can you post anonymously?

MONDA: Yes, anyone can type in anything they want.

FLAMAN: Likes the idea for archival purposes. Google drive provides unlimited storage space so not an issue but uploading/downloading is an issue.

LARSEN: sometimes archiving is just for the sake of archiving. Loves idea of video.

2016-17/4b

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

SUNDAY: put in the wrong thing. meant to amends standing order.

Larsen: open in discussion and we can make a motion from the floor.

SUNDAY: for speakers business, want to see the speaker read the whole territory statement.

FLAMAN: In favor

MONDA: The way it's worded in standing orders is nice so opposed to tossing it out just to say to read entire statement, just add something on, just to list it out.

MONDA/LARSEN moves to replace current wording after the oath you have taken with wording that's located with acknowledgement.

SUNDAY: Acknowledge its traditional territory

FLAMAN: can we split it up into 2 parts?

SUNDAY/FLAMAN moves to amend council standing orders, section 6, line 1 at the start of speaker biz, the speaker will read out the full acknowledgement of traditional territory.

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MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION CARRIED

2016-17/5

ADJOURNMENT

2016-17/5a

Next Meeting: February 21, 2017 @ 5PM in Council Chambers or sooner if necessary.

CHRISTENSEN/DEJONG moves to adjourn at 5:55 PM.

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CARRIED

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

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