ELECTIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

2013 – 2014

Date: September 30th 2013 *Time: 2.05 pm*

In Attendance:

CHLOE SPEAKMAN (Chair)

MARINA BANISTER (Arrival: 2.20 pm)

HARLEY MORRIS

ADAM WOODS

DAWSON ZENG

Excused Absence:

Others in Attendance:

SACHITHA KUSALADHARMA

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by SPEAKMAN at 2.05 *pm*.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA SPEAKMAN moved to approve the agenda for *September 30, 2013* as tabled. The motion was seconded by ZENG.

Vote on Motion *4/ 0 /0*
CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES BANISTER moved to approve the minutes for *September 11, 2013* as tabled. The motion was seconded by SPEAKMAN.

Vote on Motion *4/ 0 /1 (Abstention by WOODS)*
CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

Writing a motion to change bylaw 2300, section 4, (2) c.

The committee discussed about the discrepancy in bylaw 2300, and wrote a draft for a motion to be presented at council.

5. DISCUSSION Election Survey

MORRIS: I just added a question asking whether aboriginal students are fairly represented in student governance.
WOODS: There should be a question at the end on what is the best way to contact the respondent, or share information.
Some of the questions in the survey are great to know, but are not relevant to elections.
Are you going through all the groups regards to representation?
SPEAKMAN: We discussed that last time, and decided not to. We decided to with the representation we have in the Election Review Committee (ERC). Marina and I are interested in the female representation, and Harley is interested in the native representation.
WOODS: We need to have one regarding international students.
BANISTER: I think we have to go through all the groups for inclusivity.
WOODS: It's not good to have an "I don't know" option.
BANISTER: I get your point, but I would rather have them leave it blank instead of filling it, when they are not sure. That may skew our results.
WOODS: How are we going to distribute it?
BANISTER: We are going to have volunteers, and distribute them in different buildings on different days.
WOODS: As councilors, you have a small budget to engage constituents. So, you can provide the respondents small treats after they finish the survey.
If you can give me an estimate, I may be able to get you funding via a project allocation.
BANISTER: I don't like giving an incentive.
WOODS: I disagree. I think an incentive is needed for most students to respond.
WOODS: I think we should cut all the representation questions. We already know the answers.
SPEAKMAN: We know the answer. But, it's more about how the student body perceives it.

The committee went through each question in the draft election survey, and removed the ones which were either repetitive or irrelevant. The committee decided to have a section on representation at the end, and to include only a single comments box. Furthermore, questions on classroom talks, ranking multiple candidates in the ballot system, and the full-time employee status of executives were added. WOODS stressed that it's important to have an identifier for students who have been involved in activities at the University.

6. REPORTS *None*

7. CLOSED SESSION *NIL*

8. NEXT MEETING October 16th (Wednesday) at 3 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT BANISTER moved to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was seconded by WOODS.

Vote on Motion *5/ 0 /0*
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at *3.27 pm*.