ELECTIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date:	October 30th 2013	Time:	3.14 pm

In Attendance:

CHLOE SPEAKMAN (Chair)

HARLEY MORRIS

DYLAN HANWELL (Proxy for DAWSON ZENG)

Excused Absence:

MARINA BANISTER

ADAM WOODS

Others in Attendance:

SACHITHA KUSALADHARMA

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by SPEAKMAN at 3.14 *pm*.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as friendly.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MORRIS moved to approve the minutes for *September 30, 2013* as tabled. The motion was seconded by SPEAKMAN.

Vote on Motion *2/ 0 /1* *(Abstention by HANWELL)*
CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Sean Graham's Electoral Reform Presentation</u>

SPEAKMAN: President Kusmu sent me this poster. It's by an undergraduate student who did research on electoral reform for Canada federally. This will be held tomorrow from 3.30-5 pm. If either of you are interested or free, you should check it out.

5. DISCUSSION   <u>Elections Survey</u>

       SPEAKMAN: Dylan, can you provide any input to this. All the Elections Reform Committee (ERC) members have gone through it.
We should give a 2 minute presentation to council, let the council members read through it for around five minutes, and then take questions. One of ERC's mandates is to solicit feedback from the student body about the elections process.
HANWELL: If the participants are interested in giving their information to you, they can be targeted for future nominations and forums. It would be a good list to build.
MORRIS: Have we decided when we are going to do the presentation to council?
SPEAKMAN: We have till this Friday to add it to next week's council's agenda.
MORRIS: I'd be comfortable with that.
SPEAKMAN: Let's ask for the opinions of the other members via email and decide.

<u>By-elections, Chief Returning Officer (CRO)</u>

MORRIS: As a committee, are we reviewing how well the by-elections went, and going to the CRO with potential recommendations?
SPEAKMAN: I'm not really sure because the CRO is a member of staff.
HANWELL: The students' council is the authority figure for the Students' Union. ERC could request a report from the CRO on how he thinks it went.
MORRIS: I think it's important that the general student populace is informed about the election activities. Even I didn't know about the nomination closure.
SPEAKMAN: I'll get in touch with the CRO, and ask him to either submit a report to us or to come and meet us at a meeting. Should we ask about what publicity materials he used, and for the results of the voter turnout?
MORRIS: I'd also like his personal opinions on how things went, and what could be improved.

<u>Posting Posters Backwards Prior to the Campaign Period</u>

SPEAKMAN: Councilor Hodgson mentioned to me something he had observed in the campaigns. Some people had put their posters backwards before campaigning started.
HANWELL: Apparently it happened last year. Hopefully people wouldn't do that. It's a dirty tactic.
SPEAKMAN: The CRO is the person who enforces the rules. We can ask him to mention it to the candidates.
HANWELL: Maybe Councilor Hodgson is looking for ERC to pass a bylaw?

SPEAKMAN: It's already in bylaw 2200. So, we don't have to change the bylaw. It's about what the CRO's interpretation on what a campaign activity is.

6. REPORTS	*None*
7. CLOSED SESSION	*NIL*
8. NEXT MEETING	November 13th at 3 pm.
9. ADJOURNMENT	SPEAKMAN moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by MORRIS. Vote on Motion *3/ 0 /0* *CARRIED* The meeting was adjourned at *3.35 pm*.