



ERC MINUTES

2010 - 2011 # 2

Date: June. 23, 2011

Time: 5:33 pm

In Attendance:

FERGUSON, ISKANDAR, FENTIMAN, BELLINGER

Excused Absence:

LUIMES

Others in Attendance:

**1. CALL TO
ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by *ISKANDAR* at 5:33pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

BELLINGER moved that the *June.23, 2011* agenda be approved as *amended*.
Seconded by *ISKANDAR*.

Vote on Motion 3/0/0
CARRIED.

**3. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

No previous minutes

**4.
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5. REVIEW OF
ACTION ITEMS**

6. OLD BUSINESS

Bylaw 2000 formatting

ISKANDAR I want to make this document smaller, so new SU councilors won't be scared of it. I'm thinking of returning to breaking sections.

FENTIMAN the things you don't need to know for nomination shouldn't be in the nomination package.

BELLINGER by splitting we could be more organized in seeing which ones to use.

ISKANDAR this would be a big project.
FENTIMAN for legislative recommendations I won't say how you'll split it up. It would just make a lot more sense to split bylaw in that way.
ISKANDAR I will wait until next meeting to motion this. I will put this on New Business for next week.

External Media Presentation

ISKANDAR I think the point of this would be you cannot use external media.
FENTIMAN a similar problem we had with a emailing list: it is directed to the CRO, if Edmonton journal or CBC is actually interested I would not let it to be forwarded.
ISKANDAR if I'm running can I use Facebook?
FENTIMAN yes.
FERGUSON campus radio station, internal or external?
FENTIMAN I would assume that would be the same as the Gateway: campus based media, but I would have to check on that.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Shadow Minutes

FENTIMAN endorsements for posters: designers can help endorse any candidate (make this clear) but keep in mind that there shall be no slates. As for the general inquiry for staff (ultimate employment): it does look like the intent of bylaw is conflicting.
ISKANDAR how did DIE board meetings go?
FERGUSON info: if its elections related I'm going to send it to ERC then bylaw.
ISKANDAR for none of the above I would like it to be a seat, do you think we should advertise the importance of none of the above taking this position?
FENTIMAN the main problem is with the faculty elections, people know one or two of the candidates i.e. as friends and they'll place none of the above right after. Once none of the above wins, it wins.
ISKANDAR we can say it's a seat but it's not bylaw.
FENTIMAN one of the issues is that none of the above doesn't differentiate.
ISKANDAR could we leave none of the above for executive and not include it for council elections? This is because we are in need of council members.
FENTIMAN none of the above can take any of the seats, problem is if within a faculty you further differentiate i.e. say you're in science but you're also in math, bio etc. if you're in chemistry you can run for chemistry but you won't affect the physics.
ISKANDAR we can make it a competition i.e. Seat 1 for science and seat 2 for science.
FERGUSON (to FENTIMAN) yours wouldn't work for science, even if you're in

arts, there's Humanities etc.

FENTIMAN you could enter none of the above if there's only one person running? Nobody should be just acclaimed unless it's multi-faculty. If it's a single candidate, you have to beat none of the above and get over 50%, we could eliminate the none of the above hurdle.

ENTER BELLINGER 5:29 pm

ISKANDAR states that he found out finding standing orders is way harder so he does not have them today but will have them for next meeting.

Approval of goals: so we said we were going to make a recommendation to council by august, I think any changes to bylaw shouldn't come until the next by-election. Something in our bylaw says we need a presentation by November 30th. I'm not sure what the role of the committee would be in the last semester.

FERGUSON CAC is for the end of the trimester.

BELLINGER moved to approve the following as the ERC goals:

Make a presentation for bylaw by the end of august, make changes to the bylaw in October and report to council by November 30th.

The motion was seconded by ISKANDAR.

*Vote on Motion 2/0/1 FERGUSON abstains
CARRIED.*

Recap for BELLINGER

FENTIMAN we talked about the new algorithm for voting, we don't want people to acclaim someone, you don't want seats to be vastly vacant, none of the above is blocking seats, one of the things is that you only enter none of the above, if a joke candidate runs, none of the above should also be included. You want to maintain the principle of non-acclamation. You're kind of coming to the best compromise; the best idea is removing none of the above for multi-faculties. The problem right now is that you have 2 hurdles in a multi-person election. Although that can be fixed with a simple change in bylaw.

ISKANDAR this is due to the DIE board presentation FENTIMAN made, according to some of the work, none of the above was voted fairly high.

ISKANDAR states that FENTIMAN also had a presentation about endorsement, states that you can have the same theme but not wording, do you think the ruling needs any clarification in bylaw?

FENTIMAN it's pretty clear if this is what you want happen, no problem with it on a logistic point of view. If I can prove that someone's endorsement is joint budgeting (market value), they would be disqualified, you can have same concepts, the second you say I endorse (another candidates') points that's automatically joint budgeting.

FERGUSON so what about websites? Market value?

FENTIMAN you are charged for your domain name, I could argue that I am

paying for this domain name. Facebook, Twitter is free so that's fine. Myspace, sure, but let's be adults about our social networking.

9. REPORTS

10. CLOSED SESSION *NIL*

11. NEXT MEETING *July. 7, 2011 @ 5:00 pm*

12. ADJOURNMENT *FERGUSON* moved that the meeting be *adjourned*.
The motion was seconded by *BELLINGER*.
Vote on Motion 3/0/0
CARRIED.
Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.