



# ERC MINUTES

2010 - 2011 # 3

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Date: July.7 , 2011

Time: 5:06pm

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In Attendance:

**ISKANDAR(chair), LUIMES, FENTIMAN, BELLINGER**

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Excused Absence:

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Others in Attendance:

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**1. CALL TO  
ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by *ISKANDAR* at 5:06pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

*LUIMES* moved that the July.7, 2011 agenda be approved as *amended*.  
Seconded by *BELLINGER*.

Vote on Motion 3/0/0  
*CARRIED*.

**3. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

*FENTIMAN* in the independent list I should not be listed as a proxy, on page 3 of 4 about halfway down, "logarithm" should say "algorithm." As a comment *FENTIMAN* states that he is happy about his last comment on the June.23, 2011 minutes.

*LUIMES* "*LUIMEZ*" should be "*LUIMES*"

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

Vote on Motion 3/0/0  
*CARRIED*.

**4.  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*ISKANDAR* I will attach the documents to the next email just so we can have them online so anyone can access them, I do hope you read them though.

**5. REVIEW OF  
ACTION ITEMS**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

*Approval of Standing Orders*

*LUIMES in mandate under c) should there also be a presentation at other times?*  
*ISKANDAR it's usually in November, we are planning to make some changes after the By-election. Point 12 under membership, we should strike that.*

*BELLINGER do we need anything about the CRO?*

*ISKANDAR CRO will be a non-voting member of the ERC.*

*FENTIMAN I would need a voting member to sponsor the changes: under meeting 1. Strike the word permanent. Same thing in point 3, point b under 3 add "voting" member. Strike c), you could clarify the members list. For point 15 and 13 just erase permanent again.*

*As a recap: strike permanent from 1, 3 insert voting in point 3b remove point 3c, remove permanent from 15 and 13.*

*BELLINGER moves that the above amendments to standing orders be approved.*

The motion was seconded by *LUIMES*.

Vote on Motion 3/0/0  
**CARRIED.**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **NOTA in STV**

*LUIMES it sounds a little different, I came from an electoral system that didn't have NOTA. I've never been a fan of NOTA anyways.*

*ISKANDAR I think to move on something that was suggested to me, the implementation of NOTA to bylaw, now that we have research on this, I should probably dig into what we have done to get NOTA in in the first place. We're not doing our fiduciary duties.*

### **Bylaw 2000 Division**

*ISKANDAR These were one of the documents that FENTIMAN found in the 05/06 year, rational was that 2/3 of bylaw 2000 was repeated. There is another document that I will send today. My favorite example was the 2 different definitions of "slate." To avoid something like that, we start with a big bylaw 2000 and split them up. We can't depend on people writing bad bylaws.*

*LUIMES can you catch me up on what we're dividing it into?*

*ISKANDAR recaps*

*LUIMES I don't necessarily agree, I think it's more logical to have all election stuff in one place.*

*BELLINGER from my experience, it would have been more helpful to have small chunks of information.*

*LUIMES maybe the problem isn't the bylaws it's giving them to candidates.*

*FENTIMAN I highly recommend not duplicating specific tracks of bylaw, all bylaw is important as any other. This is more like regulations. The thing is do you want to give someone something that is 40 pages long or would you just refer them?*

*ISKANDAR as a side topic for next week we should look into the bylaw on what they have to provide.*

*LUIMES what if we just change the stipulation of what needs to be provided to giving them portions.*

*ISKANDAR there's bylaw and the CRO. Personally I think it's the CRO's*

*responsibility for recommending how bylaws fit together, for the problem of bylaw, what if someone doesn't understand STV the way we wrote it.*

*BELLINGER I think we should watch our terminology on "splitting it."*

*LUIMES not so much do I see how future generations would change, just why should we make it more difficult for them?*

*ISKANDAR I do think it would be more work for the CRO, from the CRO's perspective, but from the students' perspective, I think it would be easier for them.*

*FENTIMAN I would recommend renumbering them kind of like the faculty association's. I don't mind either way but I would prefer giving the split a try. I would task somebody to take couple of hours to do an initial split. I would prefer see how it would work along with a nomination package because I would provide a nomination package in there, it would be averse to not provide the hardcore rules at the same time.*

*LUIMES moves the chair to draft a split of Bylaw 2x00 for the next meeting which will be the 21<sup>st</sup>.*

The motion was seconded by *BELLINGER*.

Vote on Motion 3/0/0

*CARRIED.*

### **Campaigning on Election Days**

*LUIMES it would make a huge difference and improve voter turnout theoretically. In my experience it keeps elections more exciting. At u of c, we can't be at hearing distance from a poll and posters must be 20 meters away.*

*BELLINGER in a different perspective my view is how does a candidate make a person come out and vote period? We need to build the anticipation.*

*FENTIMAN I think it would be fine if I can withhold candidates' deposits.*

*LUIMES with poster take down at u of c, we bought our own materials and got reimbursed.*

*FENTIMAN suggests to have poster take down in the last hour of voting*

*LUIMES at the U of C CROs don't announce results unless posters are down*

*FENTIMAN this gives us half an hour to an hour after the polls close*

*LUIMES why did we historically not campaign on voting days*

*ISKANDAR I am not quite certain. But Candidates running in the executive and BoG races are usually mentally and physically exhausted by Tuesday*

*LUIMES moves to recommend to council to allow campaigning on Election Days.*

The Motion was seconded by *BELLINGER*.

Vote on Motion 3/0/0

*CARRIED*

### **Election Length**

*ISKANDAR what do people think about the current length of the election, for both the exec/BoG race, and the Council race*

*LUIMES what are the current lengths*

*FENTIMAN 7 days for both excluding weekends. What about the nomination deadline and campaign period for council?*

*LUIMES I think there's sufficient time for council  
ISKANDAR so people like the status quo?*

*ERC yes*

**8. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS** *The CRO discussed his report to council, as well as dates for the September by-election and the seats vacant up to this point.*

**9. REPORTS**

**10. CLOSED SESSION** *NIL*

**11. NEXT MEETING** JULY. 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2011 @ 5:15PM

**12. ADJOURNMENT** LUIMES moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
The motion was seconded by BELLINGER  
Vote on Motion 4/0/0  
CARRIED  
Meeting adjourned at 6:09