ERC MINUTES

2010 - 2011 *# 05*

Date: **August 25, 2011**   *Time:* **5:09pm**

In Attendance:

ISKANDAR (chair), FERGUSON, CSORBA, YAMAGISHI, FENTIMAN, LUIMES, BELLINGER

Excused Absence:

Others in Attendance:

ROSS, CHEEMA

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by *ISKANDAR* at *5:09 pm*.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ISKANDAR amended agenda to *move NOTA and STV to 1*.

LUIMES moved that the *August 25, 2011* agenda be approved as *amended*. Seconded by *FERGUSON*.

Vote on Motion *4/0/0*
CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve next meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

ISKANDAR Last meeting I said I would have presentation for today but I don't…

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

NOTA in STV

ISKANDAR so first of all, the amount of people voting for NOTA is

significantly higher than last year; 32%, I don't know how to explain this but my explanation from 6% to 32% was that the VPSL race was on the same race, that might have led them to go to NOTA straight away. There is a worrying trend.

ROSS explains his graph.

ISKANDAR reads the recommendations given on the report.

ROSS explains his RON approach.

YAMAGISHI I like RON, to the average student, I think if we're going to stick with STV, it saves having tons of vacancies.
LUIMES I think there's still a possibility of a misunderstanding of RON for the average student. I think we need to educate the voter on how their vote is implicated but in that sense, the moment you select RON you should stop voting but could we do it so we can select more after RON? Or why don't we automate it?
ISKANDAR what if someone voted RON and nothing after?
ROSS starting with basic RON that chuck would just disappear you would move on the rounds. For RON2 if you just vote RON and no one else it would go to RON2.
BELLINGER it seems to me that if someone didn't know what RON or RON2 meant it would still depend on their thinking. It's easier explaining than the NOTA concept.
FERGUSON in terms of options I would go with RON2 and nothing that takes NOTA off the table. I agree with voter education, it would be near impossible to think critically about how they are voting.
ISKANDAR playing devil's advocate, with RON2 there can be a point where it is hopeless to explain. I think if ERC goes with RON2 we are creating a voting system people will use but no one unless they read bylaw will understand. I don't think a campaign about the system would be achievable. TIGHE suggested doing IRV this year and then for next year to come up with the best option.
ROSS RON2 is used in the UK, it can be helpful to contact them.
LUIMES I would like to see us improve on the system because I think we agree that STV would be an improvement, I think it would be better to move forward than stagnate.
FENTIMAN from a cost perspective is testing time, it would be about 7-10 grand. I would want this done by the end of September. Latest would be late January I would want testing done. It's either go back a step and take a look at it again or build upon what you have now and take a risk. I also want to be able to develop a user interface for the elections.
LUIMES I would not be comfortable making a decision now. FERGUSON agrees.
CSORBA leaves 5:43 pm

BELLINGER if we were making a recommendation, it would be to let ERC to continue looking for options. The RON2 looks fantastic but there could be something missing.

Council Presentation

ISKANDAR so LUIMES and I will make a presentation.

Bylaw Division

ISKANDAR we talked with CAC, we will make a presentation by the end of September.
FERGUSON abstains.

Summer Schedule

ISKANDAR I will make a doodle poll!

9. REPORTS

10. CLOSED SESSION   *NIL*

11. NEXT MEETING   *Thursday, September 15, 2011 @5:00pm*

12. ADJOURNMENT   *FERGUSON* moved that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion was seconded by *LUIMES*.

Vote on Motion *5/0/0*
CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at *5:59pm*.