



*University of Alberta Students' Union*

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

**5.00pm**

**SUB 0-48**

### **AGENDA (NC 2015-09)**

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| <b>2015-09/1</b>  | <b><u>INTRODUCTION</u></b>                   |
| <b>2015-09/1a</b> | <b>Call to Order</b>                         |
| <b>2015-09/1b</b> | <b>Approval of Agenda</b>                    |
| <b>2015-09/1c</b> | <b>Approval of Minutes</b>                   |
| <b>2015-09/1d</b> | <b>Chair's Business</b>                      |
| <b>2015-09/2</b>  | <b><u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u></b>     |
| <b>2015-09/3</b>  | <b><u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u></b>             |
| <b>2015-09/3a</b> | GFC Nominations.                             |
| <b>2015-09/3b</b> | The Landing Board of Governors Applications. |
| <b>2015-09/4</b>  | <b><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></b>              |
| <b>2015-09/5</b>  | <b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b>                    |
| <b>2015-09/5a</b> | <b>Next Meeting:</b> To be decided.          |

**NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE****Wednesday November 18, 2015****4.10 pm****SUB 0-55****ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Kevin Wang (Chair)		Y
Annie Duan		Y
Param Singh		N
Sandy Xu	Levi Flaman	Y
Jason Wang		Y
Dylan Hanwell		N
Fahim Rahman		N

**MINUTES (NC 2015-08)****2015-08/1            INTRODUCTION****2015-08/1a            Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm.

**2015-08/1b            Approval of Agenda**

***DUAN/JASON WANG moved to approve the agenda for November 18, 2015 as tabled.***

***Vote 4/0/0***

***CARRIED***

2015-08/1c

**Approval of Minutes**

*JASON WANG/KEVIN WANG moved to approve the minutes for October 13, 2015 as tabled.*

*Vote 2/0/2*

**CARRIED**

2015-08/1d

**Chair's Business**

None.

2015-08/2

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2015-08/2a

**Criteria for GFC Nominations**

KEVIN WANG: I wanted this to go through Council, but on hindsight I thought we should keep the discussion here because it may be quite chaotic if we take this to Council. What is everybody's opinion about nominating for GFC vacancies?

DUAN: How many vacancies are there?

KEVIN WANG: 1 for Augustana, 1 for Native Studies, and 2 for Science.

JASON WANG: Are you asking for our opinion for this year or in general?

KEVIN WANG: For both. If we do change it, it'll set a precedent for later years. They have done this in the past.

FLAMAN: Are we setting a precedent if we do it?

KEVIN WANG: No. We will be setting a precedent if we don't do it.

FLAMAN: I'm for it. If they had done it in the past, I don't know why it shouldn't continue.

DUAN: Have they not gone through Nominating Committee in some years?

KEVIN WANG: Councillor Flaman dug up something from 2002. They had nominated students even for Students' Council. The same set of questions were asked regarding whether this is a democratic process, and about the point of having an election or a by-election at all. But, I guess we prioritize the student voice over a strict democratic process.

FLAMAN: It's just a backup plan to fill empty seats. It's not like we're doing away with elections altogether.

DUAN: Have there ever been a problem with too many appointments?

KEVIN WANG: I have no knowledge about any such thing.

JASON WANG: We should look at the potential of students just waiting to be appointed and not running at all.

DUAN: If we have a situation where we don't have people running and with

people just waiting to be appointed, there's a bigger problem about governance in general. That's a much bigger debate. So these are two different issues without too much overlap.

JASON WANG: I agree with that. After the nominations deadline, nobody is going to be appointed till the by-election. So, unless students collaborated, I don't really see it happening.

KEVIN WANG: People don't really know about Nominating Committee anyway. So, there are very few individuals who can actually exploit the system, at least for now. If it becomes a problem in the future, future Councils have to deal with it. Is everyone ok with nominating people to GFC? If everyone's ok, we can think about criteria for GFC nominations. The faculty is an obvious criterion. The only criteria for running in the election are being in the particular faculty, and being in good academic standing.

FLAMAN: I can't imagine why we should make it harder.

JASON WANG: Would it be good to have a system where we only see their names if 5 or 10 or X many people support their nomination?

FLAMAN: So it's kind of like being nominated to be nominated! Is it like having a mini election?

KEVIN WANG: No. It's just a requirement before we accept their names for consideration. As long as they meet the minimum requirement, we won't look at the absolute number of support signatures. I'll double check if the signature requirement is different for the by-election.

FLAMAN: No. It's a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20. So, I guess we are essentially replacing the student body.

KEVIN WANG: In a way yes.

FLAMAN: What if we ask Faculty Associations (FAs) to put forward members instead of just putting it up on Jobkin? The FAs would know their membership better than anybody.

JASON WANG: They would naturally see it anyway. What's the process now?

KEVIN WANG: It's open to anyone from the faculty. We can definitely ask the FAs to get people to put forward their applications. But, I don't think that we should only solicit the FAs. If we do that, it'll exclude a significant portion of the faculty. If we put out an advertisement, everyone technically has an equal chance of seeing it. So, although we can ask the FAs to find potential candidates, we should still put up the advertisement as well.

Are we allowed to collect student ID numbers? Yes, we are allowed to collect them as long as we keep them confidential.

JASON WANG: We can also increase the number of signatures a candidate needs.

KEVIN WANG: By how many more do we increase number?

JASON WANG: I think ESS (Engineering Students Society) elections require 40.

KEVIN WANG: Some faculties are really small.

DUAN: Levi, how many did you need for Open Studies?

FLAMAN: I didn't need any. Although we aren't a small faculty, it's hard to get everyone together.

DUAN: If we are having trouble filling spots in the first place, I don't see how feasible 40 signatures would be.

FLAMAN: In 2013, Native Studies had 128 people, and Augustana had a little over 1000. 10 signatures would be just under 10% of the faculty student body for Native Studies. It may be tough to get.

DUAN: Is there an exception for Native Studies as well?

FLAMAN: No. It very well could be why we don't see their representation. For Augustana, it may be the distance.

KEVIN WANG: We should keep it at 10.

DUAN: Maybe we should say between 5 and 10.

FLAMAN: Yes. In that way we would still be covering the base.

KEVIN WANG: Ok. For how long do we put up the advertisement for?

FLAMAN: Till it's filled? Maybe we should get in touch with University Governance, and see whether it inconveniences them at all. Having people come in at random periods may or may not work for them. If it works for them, it's great. If not, we may have to revisit that.

JASON WANG: Yes, it reflects badly on the Students' Union as well.

KEVIN WANG: Any other requirements?

DUAN: They have to prove they are in the faculty don't they? Is it the same process as the elections?

KEVIN WANG: In the advertisement, we can ask them for a letter proving that they are in the faculty and with good academic standing. We can also have them fill out a form too.

JASON WANG: We can also verify the same thing with a transcript.

KEVIN WANG: That's way too much private information than we need. We'll ask them for a letter then. I'll make a form just for the signatures.

FLAMAN: We can ask for the template used for elections.

KEVIN WANG: I can ask Jessica.

JASON: Is the form for the faculty?

KEVIN WANG: No, it's just for the signatures. To prove that they are from the faculty and that they have a good academic standing, they will have to provide a letter. I'm not providing a template for that.

**2015-08/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2015-08/3a**

**Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund**

***KEVIN WANG/JASON WANG moved to go in-camera.***

***Vote 4/0/0***

***CARRIED***

***FLAMAN/JASON WANG moved to go ex-camera.***

***Vote 4/0/0***

***CARRIED***

*KEVIN WANG/FLAMAN moved on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to appoint Pranidhi Baddam and Amough Kadhe as students-at-large to the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund Committee.*

*Vote 4/0/0*

**CARRIED**

**2015-08/4**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

**2015-08/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2015-08/5a**

**Next Meeting:** Not decided

**2015-08/5b**

*DUAN/JASON WANG moved to adjourn the meeting.*

*Vote 4/0/0*

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 5.00 pm.

## **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<i><b>DUAN/JASON WANG moved to approve the agenda for November 18, 2015 as tabled.</b></i>	<i><b>4/0/0 - CARRIED</b></i>
<i><b>JASON WANG/KEVIN WANG moved to approve the minutes for October 13, 2015 as tabled.</b></i>	<i><b>2/0/2 - CARRIED</b></i>
<i><b>KEVIN WANG/JASON WANG moved to go in-camera.</b></i>	<i><b>4/0/0 - CARRIED</b></i>
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<i><b>DUAN/JASON WANG moved to adjourn the meeting.</b></i>	<i><b>4/0/0 - CARRIED</b></i>