Bylaw Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 1st, 2014

Attendance
Bo Zhang
Cory Hodgson
Brandon
Vivian
James
Jamie
Nick
Justis

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Bo at 7:00pm

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes
Bo: Last meeting, no minute taker, and so no minutes; agenda tabled;

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Discussion Period
Bo:
Next item; today will be my last meeting as bylaw committee chair; we will be selecting a new chair; we don't have any referendum bylaw questions;

Hodgson:
: we have five copies...... Copies distributed by Cory;
Introduction: A bunch of work gone into it; want to do it as soon as possible; 7th draft at this point based on first principles; myself and Rebecca crafted the bylaws; There are same stuff in there that are not necessarily on 1st principles, which are broad;
Bo: [reads out]
I remember the last bylaw meeting but don't remember....
Cory will clarify further....

Cory: will be amending bylaw 2200; fees are eliminated; have to ....3000 sometime; want more of this tonight but will have consideration; how do you guys want to go through it?

Justis: what is the preferred way?

Cory: ........ areas where I am referring to bylaw's judgment

Bo: Going line-by-line is a little long; will talk about contentious areas.........; expectancy of unwritten..........; we don't have too much leniency; will send reminder.....; which bylaws; ..... Going forward, we prepare and co e to the meeting to discuss; ;

Cory: 1st principles was all...; create 6000 series of bylaws; 30% of these bylaws are cut and paste from 6000 and 2200.
I recommend going through bylaw 6000; Talks about what fees exist; Bylaw 2200 talks about referendum, which is about fees.... Two categories of DFUs are: operational DFUs and Granting DFUs;
6200 --- operational DFU
6100 --- Granting DFU
Defining thing is one hundred percent granting or not; Distinction works right now. 6100, systems on which they are created....; Timeline for DFU creation will address concerns...; You submit your thing before November 15. That's the deadline, ideally; Bylaw 2200, deadline is February 2015, signature collected within three months. 14 days from receiving the proposal to forward to student union;
Same point clarified before; same points already there; Issue may be brought to…;
Clear mechanism; not happy to go to the board;
1st principles: next one is moving to the next 5 year plebiscite cycle, which is every five years;
Online opt out, which occurs in a number of places; Section 3.1F: provision for students to opt out after paying the fee. To be added: SU facilitates the online opt out; I will add that line; What is different from the current system?

Justis: What is meant by "re-evaluated by plebiscite"?

Cory: DFUs are unhappy. Will go to referendum in March. Have four months to figure out; Decided to have a plebiscite cycle to enable students; Action to enable students; Action to legislate; Allows players involved to work organically; I really like this and believe we lack the oversight we need.

Justis: I am happy with it

Bo: I mean plebiscite cycle

Cory: Sec 4.3.... very explicit; go to referendum cycle; I will go through 6100 a bit; Pints 1, 2, and 3 are straight forward; It's about how they deal with Augustana.

Justis: Do you include Campus saint John?

Cory: Students will access services. That is why they fall under the category; they are still considered Edmonton campus students;

Cory: A, B, C. C is new.

For operational DFU, it is the board;
For Granting DFU, it is the committee

2200 --- students have representation; we changed.... setting the minimum barrier at one; two is fine;
We changed...;
Talked about outline; 9 and 10 are sort of controversial; we talked about it previously; bylaw drafts it and sends it to council and council approves it; Previously DFU or students council put questions on ballot; should the DFU be able to lobby council? It is basically a political question; In this framework, it is not council's
responsibility; is this fee increase illegal? Section 7 and 8 are about fiduciary responsibility. Council's responsibility to... secondary learning act...; put on ballot versus thinking that is is appropriate;

Nick: Exactly what is it?

Cory: I am putting a figure of 9. Eliminating a .... a good idea; what did come up.....SU led venture; Essentially as groups, we create and fund these things, like safe-walk; External and funded by DFU. Purpose of petition; criteria that...; To test the validity of an organization and to have a fee; SU backing it and therefore the clause 10; Not about council’s ability to put the question; Council to form a DFU is the goal and formality; Section 11.... bylaw; In specific circumstances we ...... but....

Nick: Council led vote.... ethical or collecting signature...

Justis: .... you can get 4800 students from faculties more oriented; in theory SU represents everyone; Therefore don't argue that there has to be two different routes

Bo: ..... 

Cory: Any of you can put anything on agenda. Council.... ; what are you doing? Difference between good question and someone throwing in anything;

Bo: If they want to petition?

Cory: they go to bylaw.

Nick: Petition, students got the question

Cory: they submit the question. The CRO; The question then goes to the bylaw; then whoever sends the question; 14 days;

Bo: New process, what change?

Cory: council has the ability to put whatever in ballot
Bo: why did med 1 come to bylaw?

Nick: ...... which student are selected, completely separate referendum;

Cory: APERG lobbies council; Council does have authorities; These are politically sensitive issues;

Justis: Previous concern was plebiscite; In theory, it makes sense; In purpose referendum; I don't know if it is a SU service; Is it enough? If is the body of students that saying is SU service, then it creates double standards;

Bo: Good question, that you raised. Everything goes into the referendum anyways,.... Good enough...

Justis: yes

Cory: That's why 9 and 10, ....

Nick: Go to the petition threshold; Don't get many until they get 50% of students. For service it's complicated, for .... The process... continued working, ... seed money,.... lined up.... For presentation we say these people... this.....; There is a staff involvement;

Justis: is that the case for every SU service?

Cory: Can you elaborate on that?

Justis: Functions the same as people think about service.... SU may be OK, we will do things....; There is no background researched, or presentation...

Cory: From the moment it was created... what Justis says is that suppose it is a "no" to safe-walk, we raise that question; create services, and have an external person sit on the board;

Bo: Don't know what to make of it;

[Fund some ---wording to be changed, and everybody,
including Cory, agree]

Bo: If you guys want to think and get back to me, you have to pick; you have the ballot box; you can do what you want; it is still individual determination that I emphasize; Do you think you want to push this? I am hesitant legislate;

Justis: we should ask the question rather than say that;

Bo: Are we planning this in council?

Cory: 4.1 and 4.2, fee can be amended; 4.2, the only reason it is there....
4.3....

Nick: ... say amended, but how?

Cory: it says, 4.3, the next clause, says "no"
Audit for some, finance for some, finance for all;
Scheduled....; That's that clause, bit will add it to make it explicit;

Bo: Are there any other connection areas?

Cory: 60% .... one thing, any operational DFU wants to be grandfathered in... In 2.3....

Justis: what is becoming a ... society?

Cory: Province of Alberta.... mandates whether to go to bylaw.....
4 is straightforward; there is selection clause for granting DFU... Fin committee says, likes it or not.... Tie finance committee's hand;

Bo: I would urge bylaw members to read the documents; Encourage all to ask questions; Email out....; Next item: access fund bill

Cory: the reason we put it is because it was not decided...
Access is not settled yet....
6a) Creation and regulation and oversight of DFUs
Bo: I would table this item: 7, 0, 0
Next item: Bylaw 100;
Next item: 7, 8, discussion item;
Motion has gone to council; during the process we had a number of committees and chair; after clarification, .... we.... Justis can talk about it;

6b) Clarify the timeline for the creation of DFU
Justis: It is ... to bylaw...

Nick: ... motion for committee to move it, and get another member;

Bo: if it came to council, people would....

6c) Oversight requirements of SU representatives
James: .... in finance....

Bo: That is the best way, if they miss 3 meetings, they will be asked why? Some concerns...; they don't want their names popping up;

Justis: Regarding..., what will happen in council?

Bo: if I miss 3 meetings then I am removed; will be uncomfortable; don't want to deter people from participating;

Nick: .... right now it is majority. Substantive majority or super majority;

Justis: Transparent to everyone else; Committee s and council...

Bo: rather have reported; one other legislation thing; if committee has the ability, you are changing the power of committee;

Nick: .... if there is a committee, you do this... it still works;

Bo: Favor of a poll.... Anybody in favor of giving .. to remove? 5, 2
Vivian: Why?

Bo: If members resign, ..., committees will not have quorum

Cory: From my memory, nobody resigned....

Bo: Boils down to accountability

Justis: Shall we talk about the draft?

Bo: Is anybody in favor of drafting any of the questions?

Next item: Op. policy 5600:

Nick: Student groups subjected to bylaw, op. policy... Technically can’t register them. No longer a member of group, .... but op. policy, .... bylaw, or operating.... Student groups are paid by university for student group services; Question of whether or not, important to bylaw; 500 members in Facebook group; 60% undergrad....; Meet alumni coming out; Alumni are associate members; Thoughts or questions?

Justis: Big change will be then op. policy;

Cory: Op. policy is overseen by me;

Nick: But we need to go to execution committee;

Bo: Couple of concerns --- students are pretty happy about...; a lot of inconsistency and changes; .... More often would be frustrating; part of our student group are .....cultures... we want to engage;... detrimental to ...; want to include student group and a member of alumni; Opt for bylaw committee to communicate a bt more; SGS and council relationship...; Think that keeping bylaw will keep stability;

Nick: ...Ask for mixed approach; Give us framework and we adjust the variables; Go through.... Amendment process; If a club ceases to exist, there is no authority...;
To register we begin to amend now; It is weird thing.

Bo: Nickk, you should look at drafting first principles; Vivian, Justis and Nick are together on this;

Bo: Discussed schedule for bylaw to review,…..
Next meeting, bylaw 500 and 1500
Next meeting on Oct. 15:

I am assigning the chair to anybody interested.

Vivan: Yes.

[Everybody agree to Vivian]

7. Next meeting date  
October 15th, 2014

8. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 8.30 pm