Bylaw Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 29th, 2014

Attendance
Brandan
Vivian
Bo
Nick
Justis

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Vivian at 7:05pm

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes
Minutes approved; agenda tabled;

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Discussion Period
Bo: 2nd principles first…;

Nick: Three parts…; Current bylaw; proposed bylaw, operating policy #7 has several chapters; we can move student group bylaw down to operating policy; it will have permission for registration; operating policy can link to other parts…; in practice all student groups have to be democratic; we have been approving….something we could capture as policy;
Do we transfer bylaw to operating policy or do we wait…? Right now bylaw does not capture everything that we do…In the document …"introduction", …;

Vivian: What about consultation…?
Nick: Intend to do that in January… Also principles of having the change…; 75% of voting executives have to be registered students.

Bo: In the actual bylaw meeting, I totally agreed … I was hesitant to moving something out of the purview of SU. If we take it out of the bylaw …. want to be a SU thing…; now too specific; have some basic standards;

Bo: Meaning of proposed bylaw…; does not prescribe everything…;

Nick: The other option… of operating policy…

Bo: Even the old version of bylaw doesn't have … In bylaw they say student groups decides about registration of students.

Justis: Who decides ?

Bo: Members… two-third

Nick: Pass two-third test but…

Bo: Two bodies…

Nick: SGS follows operational policy… how do we register …. etc.? 

Bo: Right now it is then… what happens is everything decides their own stuff

[discussion continued about operating policy and bylaw…]

Bo: Many different bodies operating on one thing…

[Nick draws on board and explains…]

Nick: We are a bureaucracy… departmental policy… less bureaucratic would be… bylaw; operating policy; Registration requirements and processes….
Mandate..., it is about student grip have to pursue...; have to be democratic and accountable;

Bo: I like those things; are like U of C; should figure out requirements; SGS, what it says, and also bylaw, what it says??

Nick: Council makes the rule...

Bo: I don't think exactly ...not required; ...can eliminate complaints;

[Nick presents counter arguments...]  

Nick: Student group is a function of operating unit... booking ... is a matter of finance...

Bo: Every student group activity may not be a bylaw activity

Nick: Other way of doing it is to make bylaw ugh bigger

Bo: I don't want it to be bigger

Justis: There are benefits but there are issues when the four-fifths system is a little convoluted

Nick: None of the work is reported .... Department policy is operations; when they work with... student groups services... go to granting and allocation... hasn't been updated since 2006. 
Granting... Finance committee is a operating type committee; Coming back would be a huge thing;

Bo: Student group work on behalf of their members...;

Nick: Mandate in the ... Registration requirement... sports club; Augustana event; Only drops registration;

Bo: If we go with this version...;

Justis: Moving out of bylaw and into SGS; like what we
are arguing but don't know what are the differences;

Nick: Read bylaw and operating policy;

Motion:
[Motion to move to camera-on; seconded by Bo;]

Motion:
[Motion to move back to camera; seconded by Bo;]

[Discussion went on camera on at 7.45 pm and came back to camera at 8.06 pm]

Bo: DFU, 6000 series of DFUs and amendments; In bylaw 6000, Sec. 3 c and d. Sec c: every single DFU needs to be this way...; Sec d: every single DFU that needs SU service needs to of this way; bylaw 3000 and 6000; Mandate for all the operational DFUs; In schedule, if we want to change the mandate, ... However,...;

[Bo describes about the current process...]

Bo: What DFU does...? Mandate required for money 6100 says that there needs to be a mandate; ... we need to add that in; Can get rid of the buracatic process...; All DFUs are going to keep it... Only step we are taking is, it goes to the bylaw;

Justice: schedules are like bylaw but not bylaw...;

Bo: 6100... mandates are in operating policy. DFUs... to change mandate or description its not the job of the bylaw;

Going to council...; these changes will go to the council; 6000 class c and d fees; class c is class a;

Bo: add word to bylaw, it is "information" into it;

Justice: wording seemed that it created...;
Bo: made the changes but haven't been approved...; nature of idea is that the document has to be public; problem is not that we need to make a decision; it is that... to go through bureaucracy...; these are all the changes...;

[Motion to approve what Bo said; Bo seconded it; everyone approves;]

Justis: Access funds... [he talks about it..] financial results; students who get into bureaucracy; Money stays in our hands but its management, not in our hands;

Brandan: So it makes it easy for students ...;

Justis: ...like granting an allocation; there are principles behind allocation;

Nick: we dealt with all that...;

Justis: But we want that, so the expertise is not the thing...;

Justice: If only these conversations were earlier...;

Bo: Can we just draft the bylaw and give it... ;

[members look at draft...; about access fund...]

Justis: I talked about it in a way before; would be drafting what SUs bylaw is... when we outsource, we make it clear about how bylaw ...;

[members don't understand some aspects...]

Justis: Scope of the operating committee wasn't defined...

[people find something on 1st principles and read on...]

Nick: Seems simple... but Cory can talk about it
Bo: Conversation about student can do it in certain way...we were talking about how appeals process work...doesn't matter...

Justis: we don't know what our argument is...;

Nick: Finance committee makes recommendations to council and can...; these are just first principles that dictate operations; there are extra pieces...;

Justis: Can we have finance draft off...?

Nick: Cory is the best person...; are you saying finance committee should draft bylaw?

Bo: Initially Cory was having negotiations...; will change what’s in bylaw...; weird for us...when another negotiating body...;

Nick: approve it or get a presentation from Cory;

Bo: First presentation was “deciding”;... should be first principle and thereafter should be in bylaw;

Justis: we are deciding “why” we withhold money;

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Nick: [explains...]

Bo: [Talks about attendance policy... ] Voted on it; was going to draft that...; will talk to...; didn’t want to ...CAC;

Nick: Bylaw committee decides nothing but makes recommendations;

Bo: ... it was like “should we...”
Justis: Dieboard says, we can do this… but then we change bylaw;

Nick: Yes, we talked about it;

Brandan: I think there should be a standard;

Bo: By making committee to decide…;

Nick: The reason we decide is, for example, about personal reasons; if you decide about the power to remove people, it should be good enough;

Brandan: There has to be like a certain number of violations, therefore deciding;

Nick: Granting an allocation…; if you missed certain number of meetings, how about you are automatically removed? It is like having rules;

Bo: … so what does everybody want to see in the first principles?

Brandan: Are you concerned that…?

Bo: How about “can’ and cannot” remove?

[All agree that it is getting complicated…]

Vivian: How about having neutral members?

Justis: Other issue is that… it can say bylaw removed…;

Bo: … will be uncomfortable with having personal issue…and also discussing about it…;

Nick: [writes on the board: 1. Yes; 2. Threshold; 3. Neutral party; 4. Reason you can’t;… and explains…]

Justis: What about if somebody is not able to show up due to illness? If the removed person says that he/she
doesn’t want to be removed, then what?

Bo: Has to be a balance; all we are doing… we need to have a system…;

[discussion went on about how to impeach someone…]

Bo: What, other than attendance, can be reasons…?

Bo: Will have a conversation with CAC about what… removal… will do, and bring back in first principles.

Vivian: [Brings up bylaw 1500…]

Bo: Meeting every week is a good idea and VP Hodgson agrees..

[Bo reads about bylaw 1500…; attendees pay close attention, intervene, comment and ask questions…]

[Attendees also exchange views by moving out of their respective chairs…]

Nick: “appeal” and “applications”;

Bo: Obviously not editorial change;

[Attendees talk about disciplinary actions… CRO and dieboard]

Nick: Questions about “council administration committee” or CAC, about standing orders…

[Attendees talk about an issue, “take an office…”]

[…]questions raised about the word “enforcement”…]

Motion:
[Bylaw 500 changes to be approved; motion was seconded by Justis; everyone supported it]

Motion:
[Table Bylaw 1500 in the next meeting; Bo seconded it; Everyone supported it]

Vivian: [Motion to adjourn meeting at 9.24 pm; motion was seconded by Nick;]

[Motion: To table 1500 and 500; Motion passed 5, 0, 1], seconded by Bo;]

7. **Next meeting date**  Nov 12th, 2014

8. **Adjournment**  Meeting adjourned at 9.24 pm