Tuesday March 15, 2016
6.00 pm
SUB 0-48

ATTENDANCE

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<td>Cody Bondarchuk</td>
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<td>Annie Duan</td>
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MINUTES (BC 2015-14)

2016-14/1 INTRODUCTION

2015-14/1a Call to Order
Meeting called to order by ALLARD at 6.10 p.m.

2015-14/1b Approval of Agenda
RAHMAN / FLAMAN moved to approve the agenda
6/0/0 CARRIED

2015-14/1c Approval of Minutes
BONDARCHUK / FLAMAN moved to approved the minutes
4/0/2 CARRIED (two abstentions)

2015-14/1d Chair’s Business
None
2015-14/2  QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2015-14/3  COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2015-14/3a First Principles and Draft Changes (Second Reading)

RAHMAN
Talked about representation and SU bylaws
Mentioned that SU council not making appointments, and that in case of vacancy in October the council can still vote

BONDARCHUK
Asked if FAs are allowed to replenish council

THORNDSON
Said that council can't modify Bylaw 100, and councillors can only ratify and not select

BONDARCHUK
Said that Bylaw 100 mentions that students should decide who is the councillor, and asked if Rahman's draft of second reading is an excerpt from Bylaw 100?

RAHMAN
Said that it is Bylaw 100-6

THORNDSON
Ask about draft changes

RAHMAN
Said that changes can be found in google docs and agreed to share the relevant google docs

ALLARD
Expressed concern about process for FAs to do this, and they are they are democratically elected
Said that anyone democratically elected represents students and not faculties, and that he agrees that any representation is better that no representation
Said that anybody wanting to be a councillor should run for election

RAHMAN
Clarified that he doesn't want to prescribe a process, as they have an easier time finding who to pick from, and also because it tough to find someone because one size doesn't fit all
Agreed that they can interview candidates before making decisions

ALLARD
Said that some FA don't have the disparity to choose
Expressed concern over the process to fill the positions, and mentioned that the right fit may not be found because FAs may not understand the what it is

ADEMAJ
Questioned if they should leave those FAs so as to make sure that there is understanding between FAs and council
Said that it almost like a moderator role as it can bring experience as to what a council is

ALLARD
Said that VP is only involved in the selection process

RAHMAN
Mentioned that as soon as there is a vacancy he can make sure that it can happen

ALLARD
Mentioned that it is not a smooth process but representation is better that no representation

RAHMAN
Appointment over summer
Fall by-selection

BONDARCHUK
Asked, what are the changes and questioned if it is like a little warning
Said that if they have to put stipulation around, it has to be broad assumption, and the person chosen has to become elected
Mentioned that it can also get awful, like nepotism, otherwise.
Stated that therefore everyone on council had to go through election

ALLARD
Said that in FAs they do similar things and that it adds to extra work

BONDARCHUK
Said that a VPA or VP has to be in the seat or it has to fall vacant, as department associations don't always line up FAs

ALLARD
Asked if they want to make restrictions to be included in first principles

RAHMAN
Replied that there are 3 and 4 cover restrictions

BONDARCHUK
Said that FAs and DFUs still have to report to higher structures, as it gives a different feel
RAHMAN
Said that he heard that argument but mentioned that it doesn’t exist

BONDARCHUK
Said that it is a first step and it changes the nature and power structure, bargaining enhances the confidence of students, and SU makes effort to ensure that everybody who wants to run is able to

Added that it gets watered down, and therefore it changes relationship with and the perception about FAs

ALLARD
Said that they delegate certain authority

BONDARCHUK
Said that FAs are democratically elected but they are specific within their own faculties and advocates therein, and therefore, even if there is a by-election, it may not be democratic

Mentioned that he agrees that they need to fill vacancies after by-elections but he doesn’t agree on who gets that seat

Asked about the purpose of crossing out 3c

RAHMAN
Replied that if won’t have a representing but have vacancy

BONDARCHUK
Suggested to keep the part c but also to add part d

ALLARD
Said that you could then run a campaign and then appoint someone

BONDARCHUK
Said that in faculty of law, last year, students said that they are comfortable with vacancies but only when it is small

ADEMAJ
Asked if for smaller faculties it is the same argument?

BONDARCHUK
Said that if one person is running it is the same argument

RAHMAN
Said that they are drafting a policy that will impact students on campus

BONDARCHUK
Replied that if a smaller faculty has a right to representation but say no, then it is different

ALLARD
Said that his concern is that if you have students saying that they don’t want candidate x, then the FA gets the authority to appoint whoever they want

BONDARCHUK
Said that if it is democracy then governments do nothing
Said that they need to have a very clear parameter to sell FAs as representative bodies

FLAMAN
Questioned, if students council don’t have right representatives, then what do we do?

ALLARD
Decision can be made by president but there is no mechanism

RAHMAN
Said that if they make a mistake council is not liable, and if it is a minority voice then they still don’t have the power

ALLARD
Said that it can’t get bad but can have negative potential, and questioned about extent to which is negative, e.g. like nepotism and cronyism

RAHMAN
Said that it is because of the uncaring attitude of FAs towards student councils, and therefore they should make it a priority to care for council, and that way they can have a direct connection to the person they appointed

ALLARD
Mentioned that appointed members should not have same authority as elected members

BONDARSHUK
Said that it is not something that has no consequence

FLAMAN
Questioned about hierarchy?

BONDARCHUK
Said that it is probably about the perception and that no single administrator will do that

ALLARD
Commented that realistically most councillors don't interact with their
constituents

BONDARCHUK
Said that a big chunk of interaction is the election, and that even in council elections a lot of people are talking to their people

ADEMAJ
Stated that VP academic was open and questioned whether council will gave the power to choose?

RAHMAN
Said yes but mentioned that they bear probation

ADEMAJ
Questioned if it is two out five, would it still be eligible for probation?

RAHMAN
Responded by saying yes

ALLARD
Said that FAs can choose literally anyone unless restrictions are outlined. Added that there are some concerns, and that it is important to have a good debate, and therefore council should also debate this

BONDARCHUK
Said that First Principles is for bylaws, and that he would not do the First Principles unless they write what they want to do, as that it is for Bylaw principles
Mentioned that policy is all value statements

ALLARD
Said that Bylaw, the way it is structured, it is not this. Asked if Rahman wants Bylaw to pass this, or if more feedback is needed from Bylaw.

RAHMAN
Responded by stating that he want Bylaw to pass it

BONDARCHUK
Said that he is currently undecided on it the but will agree to pass it

ALLARD
Said that there is more ion that if it coming to Bylaw then it had been discussed, and that things come to Bylaw for debate

ADEMAJ
Stated that there was mention about how councillors were supporting this and that if someone disagrees then he / she can be part of the consensus
RAHMAN
Said that he would add item 7 as Bondarchuk suggested
(Makes changes to point 7, first principles of Bylaw 100)

Motion:
RAHMAN / FLAMAN motioned to motion for amendment of Bill #20: Changes to Bylaw 100
BONDARCHUK and THORNDSON abstained
4/0/2 CARRIED

ALLARD
Said that it is worth debating in council but the tricky thing is there are two things, the content and the wording; that Bylaw believes in wording and not in content, and so council can disagree on content; and that it is tricky and open to interpretation

Motion:
THORNDSON / RAHMAN motioned to amend Bill #20: Changes to Bylaw 100, as follows:

First Principles
1. Representation on Students’ Council is better than no representation on Students’ Council.
2. NOTA is a form of representation at Students’ Council for a Faculty.
3. Faculty Association executives are democratically elected and are already called upon to recruit undergraduates to fill vacancies in representative roles.
4. Not all undergraduate Faculty Associations have the resources to hold elections at any time of the year.
5. Students’ Council currently does not have the ability to remove or add undergraduate representatives on Students’ Council.
6. Anyone who is appointed to fill a vacancy before a Fall by-election will hold an advantage on other candidates with their incumbency.
7. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to give Faculty Associations the ability to fill vacancies on Students’ Council after the Fall by-elections.

DRAFT CHANGES (Second Reading)
1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Councillor, the Chief Returning Officer of the Students’ Union shall offer the position to the candidate who would have been elected had another Councillor been allocated to the resigning Councillor’s faculty during the last election before which nominations were open for that faculty.
2. Notwithstanding (2), no person shall be offered a Councillor position who
   a. has already vacated a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question,
   b. has already declined appointment to a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question,
c. is a member of Students’ Council.

3. The process for replenishment of Councillor positions shall continue until
   a. no vacancies remain for the faculty in question,
   b. the list of candidates from the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question is exhausted.
   c. the position would be offered to None of the Above.

4. After the list of candidates from the last election have been exhausted and a Fall by-election has passed, a Faculty Association whose Faculty holds a vacancy on Students’ Council will be able to appoint a representative to Council, under the following conditions:
   a. The process to apply for appointment shall be open to all undergraduates in the Faculty;
   b. Discover Governance will notify the FA of what is expected of an SU Councilor;
   c. If the position is offered to NOTA, then see 4.

5. Students’ Council does not have the authority to appoint any Councillor.

6/0/0 CARRIED

2015-14/4 INFORMATION ITEMS
Agreement was reached that the committee will meet every second week on off-Council Tuesdays

2015-14/5 ADJOURNMENT

2015-14/5a Next Meeting: not clear
THORNDSON / BONDARCHUK motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7.06 pm 6/0/0 CARRIED

2015-14/5b Meeting was adjourned at 7.06 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

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