Thursday, July 28, 2016
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SUB 6-06

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MINUTES (BC 2016-07)

2016-07/1  INTRODUCTION

2016-07/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18:01 (6:01PM) by CHRISTENSEN.

2016-07/1b Approval of Agenda

BANISTER/HOWIE MOVE to approve the agenda.

6/0/0
CARRIED

2016-07/1c Approval of Minutes

HOWIE/LARSEN MOVE to approve the minutes from July 14.

5/0/1 (BANISTER abstained)
CARRIED
Chair’s Business

Attendance
Attendance was taken. Councillor FLAMAN and ANGUS (over Skype) were additionally present. The meeting began with item 3b at BANISTER’s request.

Summer meeting schedule: August 4, 11, & 25

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

Council seat distribution review – Discussion

CHRISTENSEN
Said that currently the number of council seats is 32, and there has been cut down in recent years; and it is suggested that 5 seats will be cut again, making it 27 seats.
Asked for any thoughts

ANGUS
Asked how CHRISTENSEN arrive at the number.

CHRISTENSEN
Said that there is a formula. Multiple options are on the table. Easiest would be just cutting the maximum number although another idea is to introduce capping so that equitable seat distribution in ensured, where a maximum of 5 seat per is allocated to a faculty

ANGUS
Said that arts and science students have lots of representation, and questioned how often changes is made to the formula

CHRISTENSEN
Replied that change of not made to the formula, but the numbers inputted into the formula change.

LARSEN
Said that you take number of committee seats that you have, and you take 5 committees and 5 people in them, and then it becomes 25, and so is fairly reasonable

ANGUS
Replied that it seems radical, and is not very realistic, but it is good

HOWIE
Said that it makes no sense for tiny faculties to have 2 seats when others are not filled; and that some seats are cut and they are from science and engineering

CHRISTENSEN
Said that it was based on the formula from 2009 and 2011
Read on the numbers of different faculties, and also read out how much each faculty dropped;
Said that it is how the algorithm works, and seats are never cut from the faculty with one seat only; reads out how many seats each faculty will have if they cut to 27;

HOWIE
Agreed
Said that the number of people who actually participate are not all, because all are on committee but not contributing; and there may not be opportunity also for all people to speak out as well, therefore 32 people is a lot

LARSEN
Said that What it does is it pushes councillors to be on roles for all the time, and they can't do that as they are council members; and he prefers bringing it down to a controllable number so that have some sort of engagement is assured for all

ANGUS
Asked that to present to Council how do they justify, and what is the justification for doing it; and said that he doesn't think the formula is a fair justification

PACHES
Said that there are people who are not more engaged than others but others contribute in different ways, and therefore dropping is not a good solution; Said that even if people don't talk they may contribute in other ways

Agree with ANGUS that dropping numbers may facilitate more efficient discussion and will be easier for people to grasp, but he is hesitant to drop numbers because proportional representation of faculties is what he wants; if they drop number then they must ensure that proportion is assured as that is the model for governance
Asked that they are 32 now and can they have a discussion?

LARSEN
Said that if they were three councillors only they will have much stronger connection with their faculties, but not in larger numbers; and that it should be people who already are engaged and not people sitting at back;

PACHES
Responded to LARSEN by saying that with large faculties it will be tough to say that

BROPHY
Said that at the same time it can be an argument for not lowering the number

CHRISTENSEN
Said that he thinks that it is a procedural step for making Students’ Council function more efficiently

LARSEN
Said that he is a fan of that, and people should put more hours per week

CHRISTENSEN
Said that he will see what happened last time from the motions in the minutes, and based on that they can make a general review process which is good to have once in three years, for example; and that the algorithm is based on the number of total students and the seats available at the minimum

LARSEN
Said that they have seen the actual quorum, and new enrolment schedule to change seats

CHRISTENSEN
Threshold is 31000 students that directly translates to 32 seats and that’s how this algorithm works
Asked if they should pursue this or not.

(General agreement to look into it from the committee, PACHES will get numbers)

BROPHY
Suggested that it should go to the CAC before the Bylaw Committee discusses it.
Council attendance regulations – Discussion

CHRISTENSEN
Said that they need to decide on Council attendance regulations and whether the committee will pursue it as a referendum or as a Bill in Council.

PACHES
Mentioned that he had a conversation with ANGUS about referendum form; and that four to five referendums are happening this year; there is going to be message overload on students; this should change for it be a success, and the question is whether the Students' Council has the authority or not; and the question also is will students truly be voicing opinions.

ANGUS
Said that it is possible to change Bylaw with Council alone but that he wanted to seek constituent opinion because of how controversial this has been.

CHRISTENSEN
Questioned if the Bylaw Committee supports this or not

(LARSEN, BROPHY and PACHES express their support)

HOWIE
Said that she generally would say yes but with a big question mark

CHRISTENSEN
Said that there is a layout with the actual process, and some important things are:
- Every trimester there will be an evaluation
- Upon missing many meetings, the councillor in advance that proceedings for their removal will be occurring over the course of 2 meetings.
- Ability to appeal that decision, then D.I.E. board will be involved to finalize the decision.

Said that it is how he saw it, and mentioned that August 26 is the last meeting of this trimester

HOWIE
Said that she prefers 50%
PACHES
Said that he supports three consecutive absences, and clarified that if in a month it is over if three times/meetings are missed in a row; and it is relatively easy for one to appointment a proxy because of knowledge of the faculty

BROPHY
Said that it is not the formula but what the actual person thinks matters

PACHES
Suggested that he wants to keep it simple, and therefore one page is good for attendance policy, instead of 6.

HOWIE
Suggested more thoughts and discussions

CHRISTENSEN
Suggested having these as discussion items and adding them to CAC agenda

2016-07/2c Council and committee remuneration – Discussion

CHRISTENSEN
Mentioned about the “pay as you go” remuneration scheme
Said that it is about payment of a fee to councillors for every meeting they attend; For example, $10 for committee meetings and $20 for council meetings. Mentioned that this is not his opinion to include a payment structure but rather one of some members who have asked for Bylaw to explore this.

LARSEN
Said that he think of this like a small town where one get paid by the number of meetings one attends and the number of hours one puts into it; and that he agree that it is worth it, because if people are interested in money they will come and add to discussions in meetings

CHRISTENSEN
Explained that all these three discussion items today are interconnected

HOWIE
Questioned how does it work for proxies
CHRISTENSEN
Replied that there would only be payment if the actual elected official attended. A proxy would count for attendance purposes but not for remuneration purposes.

PACHES
Explained that it will cost $40,000 to run council that way; and will cost $840 per council meeting; Questioned that If you work for an not-for-profit organization that advocates for students, then how can you ask money that exorbitant. Mentioned that he is a business student, and well understands value for money for time spent, but if you go to average students, and say that you have to pay more SU fees then they will not like that; Said that therefore he has trouble with financial remuneration, but they can go to council and CAC.

HOWIE
Said that this does not make sense to regular students, as they often assume Students’ Council is very easy and low commitment. For example, she was told that Council duties will take only in a couple of hours and is not a major time commitment. This ended up not being true, evidenced by many 2.5+ hour Bylaw meetings; therefore, it would be a hard sell to students and is not sure it is worth it.

PACHES
Mentioned that 80-90% of the students will not support this and that he is worried about a tarnishing scandal.

CHRISTENSEN
Said that he is not a huge fan of spending people's money and is hard to implement.

PACHES
Said that he doesn't want to financially remunerate councillors, only executives.

LARSEN
Said that financial award for attending meetings will drive people, be it any amount; if it is stipend it works for him too, and creative solutions are fine too, although he is not in need of money; and what he needs is value of a position and that every student should understand that there is value;

PACHES
Replied that he doesn’t agree because councillors are elected, and money would add relevancy of meeting but won’t add value

ANGUS
Mentioned that a lot of Students’ Unions pay their councillors, and gave the example of University of Calgary. Although mentioned that there has been no objective increase in quality according to his discussions with UCalgary.

HOWIE
Said that she doesn’t like doing things based on what others do; it is hard to put something on a less involved councillor; people who will come to contribute are the people who do; and she doesn’t think pouring money into those people who are otherwise not involved will not solve the problem;

BROPHY
Agreed with PACHERES

CHRISTENSEN
Mentioned that it a good discussion but he doesn’t see real chances of this change actually happening. People can have a follow up discussion afterwards.

(ANGUS departed the meeting)

2016-07/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-07/3a Bill #4 – Two member candidates & Councillor-Designates - First principles

First Principles (Original)

1. The process for two-person candidates shall be abolished from SU Bylaws, given the questionable viability and usability in 1-year terms.
2. The definition of short-term and long-term proxies shall be amended into two new categories: “Proxy” (short term) and “Councillor-designate” (long term).
3. The process for Councillor-designate appointment shall be amended to:
   a. Simplify appointment requirements; and
   b. Set term limits on the appointment.
2. The process for Proxy appointment shall remain constant.
3. Bylaws 100 and 2300 shall be amended to implement these changes.

**Summary of Discussion**

CHRISTENSEN
Said that HOWIE and he worked on it and tried merging their ideas. Councillor HOWIE will be introducing this as her Bill.

HOWIE
Suggested completely abolishing two-person candidates. The original idea was to allow more representation but believes it was implemented hastily. Newly suggested having an official designation for long-term proxies. Said that changes will be made to Bylaw 100 and 2300. Long term proxy will be renamed as Councillor-Designate.

PACHES
Said that he likes the current way because it will give legitimacy to both people. However, logistically the solution method provided here will be much simpler with the new Councillor-Designate system.

HOWIE
Asked for opinions if it needs to be made public, or just conveyed to the person to be a Councillor-Designate.

CHRISTENSEN
Agreed that it is a problem and suggested that the best public way to post it will be on the Order Paper for the first meeting the Councillor-Designate will be appointed.

BROPHY
Said that communication in advance is ideal but there is no fair way to ensure this and also doesn't take into consideration extenuating circumstances that may come up in life.

LARSEN
Said he doesn't believe people should have to announce anything.

PACHES
Suggested focusing on the wording
Said that he can get appointed, for three terms; two-person candidate can be appointed as the elected member knows whether or not
he/she going for co-op, and so can appoint this person to take over; Said that the main concern in Councillor-Designate is that the person in the seat is not elected, and about the reasoning behind why the two term was brought up.

HOWIE
Said that as a proxy you are taking more flexibility than an elected councillor.

PACHES
Said that if you are taking the effort to run in the election you must be prepared.

LARSEN
Said that "Abolish" is a great word but "removed" is a better word.

CHRISTENSEN
Said he liked abolish because it is literally the perfect word for legislation.

HOWIE
Asked whether in point 4, if it can be mentioned that proxies don't change

LARSEN
Said that by having original point 4 it limits the legislation if the committee wanted to change anything in second reading. Suggested removal of point 4.

CHRISTENSEN
Suggested modification, and a minimum of two meetings minimum for being called a long-term proxy, and a maximum of two trimesters for the same, but not three trimesters as maximum; Said that he doesn't want to be too restrictive. Removed point 4 as well.

HOWIE
Said that she doesn't want councillors to be gone for long term.

CHRISTENSEN
Said that he is talking about maximum amount of time. Currently, a long term proxy could be appointed for the whole year.

PACHES
Asked if not for more than one trimester, but how about two-thirds of
a term.

CHRISTENSEN
Said that it will have too many limitations and make things more challenging.

(More than one people talked to discuss, and debated whether "abolish" is an appropriate word, or "correct" is).

An informal motion passed 3-2 for the word “abolish.”

**MOTION:**
**HOWIE/CHRISTENSEN MOVE** to approve the first reading of Bill #4, and amend Bylaw 100 and 2300, to abolish two member candidates and implement Councillor-Designates according to these principles.

First Principles (Finalized)
1. The process for two member candidates shall be removed from SU Bylaws, given the questionable viability and usability in 1-year terms.
2. The definition of short-term and long-term proxies shall be amended into two new categories: “Proxy” (short term) and “Councillor-Designate” (long term).
3. The process for Councillor-Designate appointment shall be amended to:
   a. Simplify appointment requirements; and
   b. Set regulations and guidelines on the appointment process.
4. Bylaws 100 and 2300 shall be amended to implement these changes.

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CARRIED

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**2016-07/3b**  
**Bill #5 - Department Association Regulations - First principles**

1. Department Associations shall be delegated authority by the Students’ Union through their Faculty Associations to be official representatives for students in their departments, as well as provide advocacy and community building roles.
2. Departmental Associations already exist in the Students’ Union hierarchy.
3. Bylaw 8100 shall be amended to provide clearer definitions for Departmental Associations. This will clarify their roles, give them legitimacy under the Students’ Union, and allow the Students’ Union and Faculty Associations to better connect with and support them.

4. Bylaw 8100 shall describe the minimum requirements for being a recognized Departmental Association.

5. Bylaw 8100 Schedule shall contain a list of all currently recognized Departmental Associations.

**Summary of discussion**

CHRISTENSEN
First principles are available to Bylaw Committee in the working folder on Google Drive;

BANISTER
This is not specially riveting, as currently in Bylaw DAs exist but it is not really formally defined in our structure. Said that DAs are students representative organizations, which have community building and advocacy roles but the description needs new, strong wording; she is hoping to get this passed by Bylaw Committee, and that will empower DAs; DAs exist and can empower students; and FAs are close to students but DAs are even closer, and can understand what students think and communicate the same to Council and abroad;

Said that the easiest way to compare is by looking at the federal, provincial and municipal governments; and that she is in favor of more general opinions and wants to take it in a stronger direction. At this point, she will keep things quite vague and not overly specific as the structure of each DA differs. Therefore, she does not want to over-legislate the particulars.

BROPHY
Agreed with BANISTER

CHRISTENSEN
Asked about what changes would be specifically in the second reading so the committee has a sense of what she’s trying to accomplish.

BANISTER
Said that the second reading is similar to the first, and that it will be a little vague at this time; departments across campus look different;
and there are departments in business but not technically - they will be considered departments for all purposes (e.g. civil engineering, nursing, etc.) and they can just not be any groups;

FLAMAN
East Asian studies is a specialization in BA and Business, both, and how about that?

PACHES
Asked if DAs cab be majors or academic departments only?

BANISTER
Said that the reason this general is because it different in different faculties; and in business, accounting cannot be a FA but in terms of advocacy they can be.

ANGUS
Passionately asked for further context.

BANISTER
Said that right now DAs are mixed up, and once they are given credibility they can be defined better; some are currently defined as clubs; This will also open the door to more resources. Currently, FAs financially support department and don't want to leave DAs hanging in cases where the FA goes under; Her goal is to have another Bylaw so that we distribute money better if FAs die and DAs don't die; the SU wants reach all organizations to become part of governance family.

BROPHY
Asked about room for fields of studies, giving examples of family law and criminal law

BANISTER
Said that she thinks that not all faculties have DAs; if, for instance, criminal law student association recognizes them then they can. There are two things:
1) Number one is increase roles and responsibilities
2) Second is, for instance if they have accounting club and don't want to become then they don't have to

LARSEN
Asked how independent funding model is to be constructed to make it sustainable.
BANISTER
Said that she doesn’t want to bring it until later in the year, and that there will be schemes like emergency funding; and it has to be a different way because if FAs collapses then department should not suffer

Said that there is an email list for DA executives, and so they know the people who can be there

Called for the perspectives about where exactly to put in Bylaw.

CHRISTENSEN
Suggested Bylaw 8100, and said it would fit perfectly in there as a the Student Representative Association Bylaw.

BANISTER
Asked if the members want to go through it line by line

(HOWIE and LARSEN made some suggestions about wordings)

CHRISTENSEN
Suggested to pay attention to wordings line by line as that’s what they do normally as part of due diligence.

BANISTER
Read on and asks for comments

CHRISTENSEN
Suggested having "shall be"
in point 1

BANISTER
Read point 2 (all are fine with it)
Read point 3

CHRISTENSEN
Suggested adding "Bylaw 8100 shall be amended"

BANISTER
Read on
Suggested changing "to membership in that DAs..."
Asked if everyone is comfortable and for comments

BROPHY
Asked for standard metrics for analysis

BANISTER  
Replied that there is no definition. Said that she will send to DG and COFA  

**MOTION:**  
**BANISTER/CHRISTENSEN MOVE** to approve the first reading of Bill #5, and amend Bylaw 8100, to define department associations based on the following first principles.

6/0/0  
CARRIED  

(FLAMAN and BANISTER left the meeting)

**2016-07/3c**  
**Bill #6 - CRO Responsibilities Amendment - First principles**

First Principles (Original)

1. Responsibilities of the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) are in need of updating to reflect the growing scale of elections and value of office. As such the following amendments shall be made to bylaw to ensure a stronger role throughout the academic year and during elections of the CROs office.  
2. ‘Advertisement’ shall be amended to ensure CRO has larger and long term capabilities to properly advertise elections.  
3. Timelines for reporting activity of office, both during elections and throughout academic year, shall be amended or introduced.  
4. Timelines for nomination packages shall be amended to ensure proper release.  
5. The CROs responsibility in electronic device and social media management shall be amended to ensure candidates can have full access to technology without overbearing CRO office.  
6. CROs responsibility in ensuring proper procedures are taken during classroom talks shall be solidified.  
7. CRO punitive responsibilities shall be amended to ensure timely release of rulings as well as fair and due process for candidates during elections.
8. CRO responsibilities in reviewing elections materials shall be amended to focus on ensuring candidates budgetary constraints to ensure fair elections.

9. Elections bylaw, specifically but not limited to 2100(8) Duties of Elections Staff, shall be amended to fully include responsibilities of elections staff to ensure clear understanding of office.

Summary of discussion

LARSEN
Said that he reviewed CROs responsibility amendment with Donald to make sure what they must do, and agreed that timeline is important; and it scattered into Bylaws 2100 and 2200 and needs to be out in one section

Read sections aloud.

HOWIE
Suggested wording changes

CHRISTENSEN
Suggested using "shall be updated"

LARSEN
Continued reading
Said that Donald was interested in making all out presentation to Council, and that way the CRO can have a definitive mandate

CHRISTENSEN
On point 4, suggested "timely release"

LARSEN
Said that they will see what to do
Reads out point 5
Clarified CRO’s role in mandate the use of electronic devices, and said that it does not mandate use of electronic devices outside

PACHES
Mentioned the issue of social media

HOWIE
Said that use of social media must be different from voting
LARSEN
Said that social media management checks on videos and social media, and they want to move CRO office away from content; and questioned about how to structure the sentence; Suggested taking out social media management, as CRO’s office is responsible for managing the use of electronic devices during campaigning, and therefore "overbearing" is the right word; Said that it is not only iPad but all devices

Added that the scope is not much about fair market value, as it for content delivery; and you can go to the candidate and tell here it is what you have and type it in;

BROPHY
Expressed agreement with the statement but said that in principle he is not with it

LARSEN
Said that “overbearing” is the right word because it should be in CRO’s capability

BROPHY
Said that it can be a ridiculous overbearing rule to ban electronic devices

LARSEN
Said that you are supposed to use your phone to show someone or your Facebook page for the same, and to avoid these, everything has to be in the old way, that is a piece of paper;

(Discussions about wording continued)

LARSEN
Read on point 7
Read on 8 and mentioned that better wording is necessary
Said that it is not responsibility of the CRO’s office but of the candidate; elections Bylaws prohibits malicious campaign, and the CRO will automatically be able to punish if that is practiced; Said that instead of policing elections they actually stamp things if they are okay;

HOWIE
Indicated inconsistencies from point to point and suggested changes
PACHES
Suggested "stay within budget" in point 8

LARSEN
Read on point 9
Said that it is specific to CRO’s and DRO’s job description

LARSEN
Went back to point 5 and said that it is like point 8
Said that it is there so that people know exactly what it is talking about

(Discussion about wording continued)

**MOTION:**
**LARSEN/CHRISTENSEN MOVE** to approve the first reading of Bill #6 and amend Bylaw to clarify and outline C.R.O. Responsibilities based on the following first principles.

First Principles (Finalized)

1. The Chief Returning Officer (C.R.O.) responsibilities shall be updated to reflect the growing scale of elections and value of office. As such the following amendments shall be made to bylaw to ensure a stronger role throughout the academic year and during SU elections.
2. Advertisement responsibilities of the C.R.O. shall be amended to ensure the position has larger and long term responsibilities to properly advertise elections.
3. Timelines for reporting the activities of the C.R.O.’s office, both during elections and throughout academic year, shall be amended or introduced.
4. Timelines for nomination packages shall be amended to ensure timely release.
5. The C.R.O.’s responsibilities regarding proper classroom talk procedure shall be outlined.
6. The C.R.O.’s office shall ensure timely release of rulings as well as fair and due process for candidates during elections.
7. The C.R.O.’s responsibilities regarding the review of campaign materials content shall be amended to focus on ensuring campaigns do not go over budget.
8. The elections bylaws, specifically but not limited to 2100(8) Duties of Elections Staff, shall be amended to fully include
responsibilities of the elections staff to ensure clear understanding of office.

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CARRIED

2016-07/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-07/5 ADJOURNMENT

2016-07/5a Next Meeting: Thursday, August 4, 2016 @ 6:00 PM in SUB 6-06

2016-07/5b BROPHY/PACHES MOVE to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 20:15 (8:15 PM).

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