



University of Alberta Students' Union

**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

6:00 PM

SUB 6-06

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Brandon Christensen (Chair)		Y	N/A
Sandy Brophy		Y	N/A
Delane Howie		Y	N/A
Nicole Jones		Y	N/A
Robyn Paches		0.5	N/A
Alannah Piasecki		Y	N/A
<i>Vacancy due to resignation.</i>			

AGENDA (BC 2017-06)

2017-06/1 INTRODUCTION

2017-06/1a Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 18:00 (6:00PM) by CHRISTENSEN.

2017-06/1b Approval of Agenda

JONES/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the agenda.

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CARRIED

2017-06/1c Approval of Minutes

CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE MOVE to approve the minutes.

5/0/0
CARRIED

2017-06/1d Chair's Business

2017-06/1e Attendance

Attendance was taken as noted above. Councillor Thibaudeau was also in attendance.

2017-06/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2017-06/2a Fall semester goals and check in.

CHRISTENSEN:

In the spring we had goals we set for and so far we have accomplished everything we wanted to; we should go around and see if there is anything we want to change or anything else.

Each member present was given an opportunity to speak, in turn.

PIASECKI:

We have or about to accomplish all the goals we needed to, and interested to see what's ahead with the time we have.

HOWIE:

One significant goal is to update Bylaw 100 because there are several loose ends and to fix the problems and figuring out best ways to go about that.

JONES:

Satisfied with everything so far as we've accomplished most of our goals; excited to see how the elections this year and have a good feeling for elections' turnout this year

THIBAUDEAU:

To amend Bylaw 100 and talking about the different committees we have and to avoid controversy in the Students' Council.

BROPHY:

In terms of Bylaw 100, about how you change something in the second half of a policy and you have to go through the whole two-stage process needs to be changed such that you should only do that when the policy is

being changed in a significant manner

CHRISTENSEN:

If the facts are not being changed in the policy; then it should not be passed in two parts

HOWIE:

Although this is to be discussed on the October 10th meeting but all of section 11 of bylaw 100 needs to be brought up because there are several things in CAC like standing orders that are decided by CAC which is not a bad system but it changes so quickly that it is worrisome that things might not be followed.

CHRISTENSEN:

Agreed; we should set that as a goal and do that on October 10; Delane if you can create a document and put it in the shared folder so we can all review it.

Goals-wise we have accomplished more or less everything; there are a few things we still have to do such as Faculty association fees and DFUs.

2017-06/2b Regulating standing committee, ad hoc, and task forces.

CHRISTENSEN:

We did not make a decision regarding this last time so I thought we should re-introduce it. There was a mention that there should be a Bylaw defining how standing committees, ad hoc, and task forces are separated

HOWIE:

I think that we could include this in Bylaw 100 and make it a new section; section 12 after section 11 and then bump and the other sections down because currently it is section 11 which is legislation and section 12 which is standing committee membership therefore it seems like a good place to insert it.

CHRISTENSEN:

Personally I don't want to have ad hoc or task force added to Bylaw 100 because they're more temporary but just add it to standing orders instead.

HOWIE:

Should we add just the definition of ad hoc/task force to standing orders to what they exactly are?

CHRISTENSEN:

I think we should add everything about the ad hoc/task force like how it

was created and its process but definitely not just the definition of the two.

HOWIE:

These committees are a case by case basis and one definition for all would not be suitable so we should put them in standing orders.

CHRISTENSEN:

Therefore we should suggest CAC implement it into standing orders.

PIASECKI:

Is there an outline on why task forces are created or what they're supposed to accomplish?

CHRISTENSEN:

We could come up with a definition on task force.

HOWIE:

We should mention what an ad hoc is and its functions and why it was created; as well as what the membership will be for these committees.

2017-06/2c Future standing committees and structures.

CHRISTENSEN:

In light of what was going on in Students' Council last time: general thought was that standing committee should have people who get elected for it although I do have reservations for it I could be okay with if we could find methods to compromise. One idea would be to divide standing committees into two where one is administrative and non-administrative (advisory) standing committees (all elected people). Then in Bylaw 100 we can mention the distinction between the two.

BROPHY:

There should however be a clear distinction between the two. Currently all that exist are administrative committees.

HOWIE:

SERC used to be advisory committee which had unelected people on it.

PIASECKI:

Alternatively we could make it clear about how many spots will be councilors, executives and students at large.

JONES:

That is a good idea even other universities have reserved spots for certain

student groups who have an advisory seat.

CHRISTENSEN:

ARRC is proposing 50 voting spots for students at large

HOWIE:

It has been changed to 34

CHRISTENSEN:

That is still excessive in my opinion.

BROPHY:

It is important for membership to be set and there should be an application; not immediate entrance into the committee; this should not be done with Bylaw but can be done with ARRC; each committee should have a set membership; but CAC makes sense because it is so internal and has a floating membership.

CHRISTENSEN:

There should be a new structure created such as committees should not managing fund; elected people should be handling that; they can provide advice to that committee and make recommendations for handing funds but should not be able to budget.

HOWIE:

Right now all the money for Students' Union is through one consolidated committees and all the bylaws are from one committee and so this committee has all the knowledge in one place and can just pass it down to the next members. Any committee for example bylaw can propose a budget then give it to Council and then Council sends it to finance to approve the budget.

CHRISTENESEN:

I am okay with it if there are some safeguards to it; no committees should set its membership by itself but by the rules defined in Bylaw 100.

HOWIE:

It would be similar to CAC; legislation should not be created from one specific thing but should be made keeping with respect to things in the future.

CHRISTENSEN:

They committees should be able to give advisory opinions. Any discussions?

HOWIE:

They should make the committees legitimate; from my recollection of the ARRC committee; whatever committee it may be (advisory or administrative) it needs to be clear that it is a standing committee

CHRISTENSEN:

The rules need to be set clear so in the future there is no confusion.

CHRISTENSEN:

Updating Councilor PACHES to create the way standing committees are and dividing them into advisory/non-administrative and administrative committees

PACHES:

We need to formalize the type of committees that are under the Students' Unions and Council.

CHRISTENSEN:

If we didn't move forward with the two stream approach should we do the electing positions?

PACHES:

We should definitely put a definition to it.

2017-06/2d Dedicated Fee Units (DFUs) Renewal.

For renewal: Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund

Bylaw 6100(3)(2):

Entities that wish to establish a Dedicated Fee Unit shall submit a proposal to the main office of the Students' Union by November 15th, of the year before the fee is to be implemented.

CHRISTENSEN:

We should contact them and do that as soon as possible.

PIASECKI:

They should because otherwise we would not have any funds.

PACHES:

They submitted it but did not submit a campaign with it.

CHRISTENSEN:

Councilor PACHES is on that and will send us a email about that.

2017-06/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2017-06/3a Bill #4 - Removing Student Group Operating Policy Requirements - *First Reading*

ORIGINAL VERSION:

CHRISTENSEN MOVES to approve the first reading of Bill #4 - Abolishing Student Group Operating Policy Requirements, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

1. Bylaw 5600 currently requires that SU operating policy have “the following categories for student groups: registration requirements, privileges and services, administrative framework, constitutional reviews of student groups, grounds for suspension and termination, and granting.”
2. There is no current rationale for why this requirement exists under Bylaw 5600.
3. Operating policy is generally considered an internal Students’ Union document for the organization itself rather than to be applied to external student groups.
4. Bylaw 5600 shall be amended to abolish operating policy requirements.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

PACHES:

Personally I'm opposed to the title "Student's Union abolishing student groups" and would be misleading.

PIASECKI:

We should move around the words so it doesn't sound as bad.

PACHES:

Reviewing the operating policy so that it is concise and contained.

HOWIE:

Are you removing section 9 from the operating policy? (student groups-registrations policies, etc)

CHRISTENSEN:

We cannot amend these policies as a bylaw committee

PACHES:

We should remove 2 and 3 from the above Bill #4

PIASECKI:

We can remove anything related to operating policy.

PACHES:

I can introduce it to council.

CHRISTENSEN:

I will submit it with you as the mover.

FINALIZED VERSION:

CHRISTENSEN/PACHES MOVE to approve the first reading of Bill #4 - Removing Student Group Operating Policy Requirements, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

1. Bylaw 5600 currently requires that SU operating policy have "the following categories for student groups: registration requirements, privileges and services, administrative framework, constitutional reviews of student groups, grounds for suspension and termination, and granting."
2. There is no current rationale for why this requirement exists under Bylaw 5600.
3. Operating policy is generally considered an internal Students' Union document for the organization itself, specifically employee training, rather than to be applied to external student groups.
4. Bylaw 5600 shall be amended to remove operating policy requirements.

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CARRIED

2017-06/3b Editorial #1 - Bylaw 1100

JONES/CHRSTENSEN MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 100 as listed on Google Drive.

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CARRIED

2017-06/3c Editorial #2 - Bylaw 1500

BROPHY/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 1500 as listed on Google Drive.

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CARRIED

2017-06/3d Editorial #3 - Bylaw 2100

CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 2100 as listed on Google Drive.

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CARRIED

2017-06/3e Editorial #4 - Bylaw 2400

CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 2400 as listed on Google Drive.

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CARRIED

2017-06/3f Editorial #5 - Bylaw 500

BROPHY/JONES MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 500 as listed on Google Drive.

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CARRIED

2017-06/3g Editorial #6 - Bylaw 6300

JONES/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 6300 as listed on Google Drive.

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CARRIED

2017-06/3h Editorial #7 - Bylaw 8100

PIASECKI/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 8100 as listed on Google Drive.

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CARRIED

2017-06/3i Editorial #8 - Bylaw 8400

PIASECKI/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 8400 as listed on Google Drive.

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CARRIED

2017-06/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2017-06/4a Fall semester meeting schedule:

- Tuesday, September 12, 2017 @ 6:00PM
- Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 6:00PM
- Tuesday, October 24, 2017 @ 6:00PM
- Tuesday, November 28, 2017 @ 6:00PM

2017-06/5 ADJOURNMENT

BROPHY/PIASECKI MOVE to adjourn at 19:50 (7:50PM).

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CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

2017-06/5a Next meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 6:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
JONES/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the agenda.	5/0/0 CARRIED
CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE to approve minutes.	5/0/0 CARRIED
PACHES/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve Bill #4 on the recommendation of bylaw committee, based on the following first principles.	6/0/0 CARRIED
JONES/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the editorial changes to	6/0/0 CARRIED

Bylaw 100 as listed on Google Drive.	
BROPHY/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 1500 as listed on Google Drive.	6/0/0 CARRIED
CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 2100 as listed on Google Drive.	6/0/0 CARRIED
CHRISTENSEN/HOWIE MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 2400 as listed on Google Drive.	6/0/0 CARRIED
BROPHY/JONES MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 500 as listed on Google Drive.	6/0/0 CARRIED
JONES/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 6300 as listed on Google Drive.	6/0/0 CARRIED
PIASECKI/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 8100 as listed on Google Drive.	6/0/0 CARRIED
PIASECKI/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 8400 as listed on Google Drive	6/0/0 CARRIED
BROPHY/PIASECKI MOVE to adjourn at 7:40PM.	6/0/0 CARRIED