Date: March 13, 2012  Time: 5:04pm

In Attendance:
FERGUSON (chair), LIANG (for BELLINGER), ZHAO

Excused Absence:

Others in Attendance:

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by FERGUSON at 5:04pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   ZHAO moves to approve the agenda as tabled.
   The motion was seconed by LIANG.
   Vote on Motion 3/0/0
   CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   None to approve.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   FERGUSON The deadline for the CRO and Speaker position for 2012/2013 has been extended to March 19th. The ad is on Jobkin.

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

6. OLD BUSINESS
   CMP Advertising strategy
   FERGUSON So essentially the strategy failed because of a combination of bad timing with elections, myself being in DIE Board, and having to wait for funding to be approved.
   ZHAO It’s probably best then that we hold off on doing it, if only to save money and not waste time.
   FERGUSON I’m fine directing next year’s CAC to pick this up, since we already set a lot of the foundation in terms of the website and changes to
Standing Orders.
LIANG Agreed.
Committee agrees to remove from agenda.

Rules for Skyping into Council
FERGUSON Ok so this has gone nowhere because every time we bring it up, three more different opinions come in. I recommend removing it from the agenda and sending it to next year’s committee.
ZHAO I’m totally fine with that too, especially since it’s an issue that tends to occur in the summer, so if next year’s committee can know about it and deal with it as it comes up, that would be better.
Committee agrees to remove from agenda.

7. NEW BUSINESS

DIE Board Decisions
FERGUSON There are three motions that have come from the DIE Board that we need to refer, and I’m declaring my conflict with ruling #7 right now due to me being the applicant. First up, Ruling #5 – regarding taking a leave of absence from an elected position that involves participation on a committee where your appointment is due to the elected position.

ZHAO moves to refer DIE Board Ruling #5 to the Elections Review Committee for further review.
The motion was seconded by FERGUSON.
Vote on Motion 3/0/0
CARRIED.

FERGUSON Next up, #6, is one regarding how the CRO should deal with a huge problem after the 12 hour limit on the contravention. I have my own feelings about this one, and before we refer to ERC, I’m going to recommend an additional recommendation. That the best way to implement this DIE Board recommendation would be to increase the Elections Office budget to accommodate the hiring of an additional DRO for the purpose of investigating complaints. I make this recommendation because it’s a lot to ask of one person who is supposed to be running our elections, and this relates to poster violations as well.
ZHAO I agree with that recommendation.

FERGUSON moves to refer DIE Board Ruling #6 to the Elections Review Committee for further review, as well as recommend to Council to consider increase the Elections Office budget to accommodate the hiring of an additional DRO for the purpose of investigating complaints.
The motion was seconded by LIANG.
Vote on Motion 3/0/0
CARRIED.

FERGUSON I can’t talk about this one.

LIANG Essentially, the issue was very specific to circumstance, though it has to do with the rules regarding volunteers as well as if the CRO can implement rules that aren’t immediately found in Bylaw.

ZHAO Seems pretty straightforward.

ZHAO moves to refer DIE Board Ruling #7 to the Elections Review Committee for further review.
The motion was seconded by LIANG.

Vote on Motion 2/0/1
FERGUSON notes their abstention.

CARRIED.

**Proposed Speaker Contract**

FERGUSON So we’re revisiting this from the Fall now that we’re almost at the point of having the new Speaker in for the new Council. This is the contract drawn up by the SU Personnel Manager, Val Stewart.

LIANG One thing I’m concerned about is that the holding of $250 before the final report is submitted might be a bit much, and is that even legal?

FERGUSON I’m pretty sure it’s legal, but it may be a bit much considering the amount a Speaker gets paid per meeting. I can always look into it once we’ve approved it and make changes if Val comes back to me saying that we can change that – we’re not hiring until the new Council comes in, so there’s time.

LIANG Works for me.

FERGUSON moves to approve the proposed Speaker’s contract as attached.
The motion was seconded by ZHAO.

Vote on Motion 3/0/0
CARRIED.

8. **DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

9. **REPORTS**
10. Closed Session  

NIL

11. Next Meeting  

March 17, 2012 @ 5:00pm

12. Adjournment  

LIANG moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by ZHAO.

Vote on Motion 3/0/0  

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.