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Tuesday, August 25, 2015  
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**Votes and Proceedings (SC 2015-09)**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:07PM.**

**2015-09/1     SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

**2015-09/1a**     Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday September 15, 2015 in Council Chambers.**

The Speaker special orders *Late Additions* item 2015-09/2a onto this meeting's agenda.

**2015-09/2     PRESENTATIONS**

**2015-09/2**     KHINDA/HANWELL move to allow Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) presentation, presented by the Executive Director Beverly Eastham and the Chair of CAUS Romy Garrido.

MOTION CARRIED.

- *Purpose of the presentation was to familiarize the Student's Council with the formation, purpose/goal and strategies of CAUS for the duration of the 2015/2016 year.*

FLAMAN/BONDARCHUCK MOVE TO extend the presentation by 10 minutes.

MOTION CARRIED.

**2015-09/3     EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

FAHIM RAHMAN, Vice President (Academic) - Report.  
NAVNEET KHINDA, Student's Council President - Report.  
DYLAN HANWELL, Vice President (External) - Report.

**2015-09/4     BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

Finance Committee - Report.  
Audit Committee - Report.

**2015-09/5     QUESTION PERIOD**

*Councillor Christensen to Vice President Bondarchuk:*

Could the Vice President (Operations and Finance) please provide an update to

Students' Council regarding when the recent changes to Students' Union Bylaws, including the Gender Pronoun Elimination and other amendments, will be made publicly available on the SU website?

*Vice President Bondarchuk's response:*

Thanks to Councillor Christensen for the question! As many of you know, we do have a new wiki system where bylaws and policies are kept. This makes it easier to change them when edits come up, compared to the PDFs we used in previous years. It is a very new system, so we are still working out the best and easiest way to facilitate these changes after Students' Council approves new bylaws and policies, and who is responsible for that. In the interim, all the bylaw changes we have approved since May 1st went live Wednesday morning, so they are now there for students to read and enjoy!

**2015-09/6      BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2015-09/6a**      CHRISTENSEN/FLAMAN MOVE to amend Bylaw 2100 based on the advice of the C.R.O., recommendation of Bylaw Committee and in line the following first principles (Bill #6):

1. The C.R.O. selection committee shall be as unbiased and impartial as reasonably possible.
2. If the C.R.O. from the previous term seeks an additional term, they shall not be permitted to sit on or chair the hiring committee.
3. Since the D.R.O. is hired, in part, by the C.R.O. they shall not serve as interim chair of the selection committee to avoid perceived bias.
4. In these circumstances, chairpersonship of the C.R.O. selection committee shall be the outgoing speaker of students' council.

MOTION CARRIED.

**2015-09/6b**      CHRISTENSEN/DUAN MOVE to amend Bylaw 2200, Section 23 and Bylaw 2300, Section 17 based on the advice of the C.R.O., recommendation of Bylaw Committee and in line with the following first principles (Bill #7):

1. Some candidates run campaigns using their preferred name, rather than their legal name or a derivative thereof.
2. Measures shall be taken by the C.R.O. to confirm the preferred name is regularly used.
3. Bylaw shall be amended to address protocol for the C.R.O. regarding acceptance of preferred names for candidates.
  - Councillor Lewis expressed that he felt that there was no entirely accurate mechanism to verify a student's' preferred name, and that this legislation was unnecessary.
  - Other Councillors/Executives talked about personal difficulties faced during their election campaigns and suggested that verification could be conducted before a student's nomination was accepted.

MOTION CARRIED. LEWIS ABSTAINS.

**2015-09/6c** CHRISTENSEN/DUAN MOVE to amend Bylaw 2200, Section 25 based on advice of the C.R.O., recommendation of Bylaw Committee and in line with the following first principles (Bill #8):

1. Daily meetings are often, but not always, valuable for candidates and the C.R.O. during executive elections.
2. During the campaign, the C.R.O. may not have agenda items for a given day's meeting, therefore making that meeting unnecessary.
3. The C.R.O shall have freedom to cancel meetings, as they feel necessary.
4. The C.R.O. shall communicate changes to the meeting schedule in an effective and reasonable manner.
5. The C.R.O. shall provide notice of cancellation in advance of the meeting.

PATRICK/MR. SAMAO MOVE TO amend item 2015-07/6c (3) to read as follows:

- The C.R.O shall have freedom to cancel meetings, as they feel necessary, ***but this cancellation may be vetoed by any of the candidates part of the election.***

AMENDMENT FAILS.

MOTION CARRIED.

**2015-09/6d** CHRISTENSEN/BONDARCHUK MOVE to amend Bylaw 2400, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, to maximize representation of vacant Students' Council and GFC seats based on the following first principles (Bill #9):

1. Bylaw currently specifies the final date for Students' Council and GFC vacancies to be included in the by-election nomination package.
2. The C.R.O. and bylaw committee believe this date is too early in the year to maximize student representation over the academic year.
3. Bylaw shall be amended to ensure more potentially vacant seats are filled through the by-election process.

MOTION CARRIED.

**2015-09/6e** CHRISTENSEN/DUAN MOVE to amend Bylaw 2200, Section 47 and Bylaw 2300, Section 38 based on the advice of the C.R.O, the recommendation of Bylaw Committee and the following first principles (Bill #10):

1. The complaints section of Bylaw currently has a loophole that limits the C.R.O.'s ability and mandate to investigate and rule on all contraventions of bylaws, rules and regulations when complaints are filed, due to time constraints laid out in bylaw.

2. Bylaw shall be amended to resolve this loophole with regard to the complaints section.

MOTION CARRIED.

**2015-09/7**     **GENERAL ORDERS**

**2015-09/7a**    THRONDSON/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to, on recommendation from Bylaw Committee, amend Bylaw 2300 according to the following second principles.

Please see SC 15-09.01

MOTION CARRIED.

**2015-09/7b**    THRONDSON/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to, on recommendation from Bylaw Committee, amend Bylaw 2300 according to the following second principles.

Please see SC 15-09.02 and SC 15-09.03

KWAN/RAHMAN MOVE TO propose the following friendly amendments;

1. (b) manger becomes *manager*
2. (c) limits becomes *limitations*

MOTION CARRIES.

**2015-09/7c**    THRONDSON/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to, on recommendation from Bylaw Committee, amend Bylaw 2200 according to the following second principles.

Please see SC 15-09.04 and SC 15-09.05

KWAN/RAHMAN MOVE TO propose the following friendly amendment;

1. (b) manger becomes *manager*
2. (c) limits becomes *limitations*
5. insert *that*
6. insert *that*
8. insert ‘;’ before the word *plebiscite*

**2015-09/8**     **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2015-09/8a**    Operating Policy Change.

Please see SC 15-09.06

**2015-09/8d**    VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE Report.

Please see SC 15-09.07

**2015-09/8e**    VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS & FINANCE Report.

Please see SC 15-09.08

**2015-09/8f** VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC Report.

Please see SC 15-09.09

**2015-09/8g** Executive Committee Motion Tracking.

Please see SC 15-09.10

**2015-09/8h** Students' Council Motion Tracking.

Please see SC 15-09.11

**2015-09/8i** Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee.

Please see SC 15-09.12

**2015-09/8j** Committee Motion Tracking - By Date.

Please see SC 15-09.13

**2015-09/8k** Students' Council Attendance.

Please see SC 15-09.14

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13PM.**