
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Council Chambers, University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (VP 2016-08)

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM.

2016-08/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on September 6, 2016 at 6:00pm in Council Chamber.

2016-08/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-08/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Fahim Rahman, President - Report.
Francesca Ghossein, Vice President (Student Life) - Report
Robyn Paches, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Mike Sandare, Vice President (External) - Report
Marina Banister, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

2016-08/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Administration Committee (CAC) - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee (NomCom) - Report.
Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Board of Governors - Report.

2016-08/5 OPEN FORUM

2016-08/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2016-08/6a Governor Champagne to VP Banister:

With all the events at GovWeek, what are the strategies to incite people to go to these events and manage to get good attendance to all these events. What strategies can we use to help fill up these events?

Vice President Banister's Response:

Thank you for your question. In terms of marketing strategies, we are investing in the marketing of this. Marketing has assured that it will be organized and will be advertising this at both the Week of Welcome events and Orientation. Invested in SUB TV Boards, physical hand out, website, facebook event, etc. Also, relies on the individual host of the events and they will also be doing advertising. In terms of turnout, on the application, we questioned expectation of the turnout of events and they stated 30-50 people so they also don't have huge expectations. In terms of similar events, similar application were notified and encouraged to collaborate or only one application was chosen.

2016-08/6b

Councilor Monda to Vice President Ghossein:

Given that nothing with Resident fee collection seems to be going according to plan, there a plan B for associations that have tighter budgets like RSJ? Does SU have a plan to fill that programming fund shortfall if the association fee drags on?

Vice President Ghossein's Response:

This is university's responsibility to collect these fees or at least find a way to do so. We see shortcomings not being on our part. One solution, I can see, is to ask the university to fill that gap by loaning the association's that money but not sure on how associations will pay back that money. I think an argument can be made to the University that it is their responsibility to see that associations are viable as it was their responsibility to ensure that these fees were collected.

2016-08/6c

Councilor Larsen to Vice President Ghossein:

Has there been a response from Residence services as to why they won't collect the fees?

Vice President Ghossein's Response:

I mentioned last time that following our meeting with Residence Services they had informed us that they will no longer be collecting the fees. We did ask for an explanation behind why they would not be doing it. We received the response that they cannot collect the fees because we passed a policy last year that wouldn't allow us to do so.

Another logistical problem is that the fees are typically included in the contract and those have already been sent out.

If resident services, for e.g, then. asks for fees and there are no mechanisms for them to do so without reissuing all the contracts for all the residences.

2016-08/6d

Councilor Larsen to President Rahman:

You mentioned in your report about a charter of student's right, and the fact that you mentioned an issue of timelines in the creation in such a document?

President Rahman's Response:

A charter of students' right have been on the SU's radar, particularly which we did some research in how students' responsibilities are outlined. In my opinion, they are a clear outline in the expectations of yourself as a student. We brought this up in our discussion with the Dean of Students' as he came from a school with charter of student rights. He mentioned it will be a long term project and I will be working on getting it going.

2016-08/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2016-08/7a **Bill #4 - Two member Candidates and Councillor-Designates - *Second Reading***

HOWIE/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #4, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, and amend Bylaw 100 and 2300 to abolish two member candidates and implement Councillor-Designates according to these principles:

First Principles (Approved August 9, 2016)

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.

Councilor Howie introduces the bill.

Roll call vote on Bill #4:

- President Rahman - Y
- Vice President Banister - Y
- Vice President Sandare - Y
- Vice President Paches - Y
- Vice President Ghossein - Y
- Governor Champagne - Y
- Councilor McKinlay - Y
- Councilor Angus - Y
- Councilor Kiani - Y

Councilor Ndatirwa - Y
Councilor Monda - Y
Councilor Larsen - Y
Councilor Victoria Dejong - Y
Councilor Hammond - Y
Councilor Al Hammouri - Y
Councilor Persad - Y
Councilor Prochnau - Y
Councilor Nahid - Y
Councilor Wang (Proxy) - Y
Councilor Brophy - Y
Councilor Christensen - Y
Councilor Scott - Y
Councilor Flaman - Y
Councilor Howie - Y
Councilor Warriar - Y
Councilor Kwan - Y
Councilor Newman (Proxy) - Y
Councilor Nguyen - Y
Councilor Mahal - Y
Councilor Farooq - Y

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MOTION CARRIES.

2016-08/7b

Bill #5 - Defining Department Association - *Second Reading*

BANISTER/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #5, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, according to the following first principles:

First Principles (Approved August 9, 2016)

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.

Vice President Banister introduces the bill. Councilors discuss the wording used within the bill. Councilor Monda questions how Department associations are given authority. Governor Champagne questions is the Faculty Association is compelled to delegate authority. Councilor Flaman speak in opposition of the bill based on the wording. Vice President Banister and Councilor Christensen explains wording choices and how the bill will be carried out. Councilors mention more concerns they have towards the bill.

BANISTER/PACHES called to question.

MOTION CARRIES.

Roll call vote on Bill #5:

President Rahman - Y
Vice President Banister - Y
Vice President Sandare - Y
Vice President Paches - Y
Vice President Ghossein - Y
Governor Champagne - N
Councilor McKinlay - Y
Councilor Angus - Y
Councilor Kiani - Y
Councilor Ndatirwa - Y
Councilor Monda - Y
Councilor Larsen - Y
Councilor Victoria Dejong - Y
Councilor Hammond - Y
Councilor Al Hammouri - Y
Councilor Persad - Y
Councilor Prochnau - Y
Councilor Nahid - Y
Councilor Wang (Proxy) - Y
Councilor Brophy - Y
Councilor Christensen - Y
Councilor Scott - Y
Councilor Flaman - N
Councilor Howie - Y
Councilor Warriier - Y

Councilor Kwan - Y
Councilor Newman (Proxy) - Y
Councilor Nguyen - Y
Councilor Mahal - Y
Councilor Farooq - Y

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MOTION CARRIES.

2016-08/7c Bill #6 - CRO Responsibilities - *Second Reading*

LARSEN/CHRISTENSEN MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #6, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, to clarify and outline C.R.O. Responsibilities according to the these first principles:

First Principles (Approved August 9, 2016)

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.

Councilor Larsen introduces the motion and discusses all the changes made within the document. Councilor Larsen mentions changes to definitions, CRO and DRO. Also, mention the inclusion of classroom talks. Councilor Christensen speaks in favour of the bill. Mentions that the CRO's office is overburdened and that this bill will help balance tasks and responsibilities between the CRO and the DRO. Vice President Ghossein mentions concerns to the growth of the number of DRO's, and mentions to the lack of the autonomy of the CRO. She points out that there is a lot of consultations that should have done to adding another DRO. She mentions many changes to the bylaw, and recommends that the motion be sent back to Bylaw Committee. Councilor Larsen explains the changes, and what exactly was changed. He mentions why the changes made are necessary, and that all the changes have been worked through with the current CRO, Donald. Councilor Monda speaks in favour of many the changes however agrees with Vice President Ghossein's concerns. Vice President Banister expresses in concern of the jump between first and second principles, and speaks in favour of sending this back to Bylaw. Vice President Paches speaks on the finance committee, and discusses how it is not in the budget to have a second DRO. Also, speaks in favour of sending this back to Bylaw. Councilor Larsen expresses that he is not in favour of going back to bylaw, and rather discusses making amendments. Vice President Ghossein discusses concerns over other wordings throughout the bill. Also, suggests discussing bill with the general manager of Discover Governance as they will be able to provide some advice. President Rahman mentions issues with role of elections' office. Councillor Christensen mentions how the bill attempts to solve these systemic problems have been seen in the CRO office.

RAHMAN/PACHES MOVE to refer Bill #6 back to Bylaw Committee
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MOTION CARRIES

2016-08/7d

Bill #7 - Students' Council Seat Distribution - *Second Reading*

CHRISTENSEN/PROCHNAU MOVE to approve the first reading of Bill #7, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, and amend Bylaw 100 and Bylaw 100 Schedule based on the following first principles:

First Principles (Approved August 9, 2016)

1. The evaluation of Students' Council seat allocation review currently occurs irregularly and often on an *ad hoc* basis.
2. Seats are currently distributed according to the "representation by population" rule.
3. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to implement a regular timeline for Students' Council seat review.
4. Bylaw 100 shall be further amended to adjust the number of seats according to the most recent enrolment data.
5. Every Faculty shall have a minimum of one (1) seat.
6. Where the allocation of seats shall be based on student enrolment below:
 - a. 1-1499 shall receive one (1) seat; and
 - b. 1500-2499 shall receive two (2) seats; and
 - c. 2500-3499 shall receive three (3) seats; and
 - d. 3500-4499 shall receive four (4) seats; and
 - e. 4500-5499 shall receive five (5) seats; and
 - f. 5500-6499 shall receive six (6) seats; and
 - g. 6500-7499 shall receive seven (7) seats; and
 - h. 7500-8499 shall receive eight (8) seats; and
 - i. 8500-9499 shall receive nine (9) seats;
 - j. And so on...
7. Bylaw 100 schedule shall be amended to include a chart with the information provided in (7).
8. Seat allocation shall remain constant until the next general election cycle.

Councilor Christensen introduces Bill #7 to council. President Rahman introduces the motion, and discusses why he suggests these amendments. President Rahman expresses concerns on how much change can happen in three years, and that in order to represent students properly, they should review it every year. Councilor Christensen responds on details of the bill, and

how this bill ties Council into is ensuring that the work is being done, and will be doing their part.

RAHMAN/PROCHNAU MOVES to amend Bylaw 100 to strike point 2.7 and be reword it as 2.7 "Students' Council shall review the report of the CRO alongside the seat allotment brackets in (4)." and then strike point 2.8.

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MOTION CARRIES**

Roll call vote on Bill #7:
President Rahman - Y
Vice President Banister - Y
Vice President Sandare - Y
Vice President Paches - Y
Vice President Ghossein - Y
Governor Champagne - Y
Councilor McKinlay - Y
Councilor Angus - Y
Councilor Ndatirwa - Y
Councilor Monda - Y
Councilor Larsen - Y
Councilor Victoria Dejong - Y
Councilor Hammond - Y
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Councilor Prochnau - Y
Councilor Nahid - Y
Councilor Wang (Proxy) - Y
Councilor Brophy - Y
Councilor Christensen - Y
Councilor Scott - Y
Councilor Flaman - Y
Councilor Howie - Y
Councilor Warriar - Y
Councilor Kwan - Y
Councilor Nguyen - Y
Councilor Mahal - Y
Councilor Farooq - Y

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MOTION CARRIES**

2016-08/7e

Bill #8 - Students' Council Attendance Regulations - *Second Reading*

CHRISTENSEN/BANISTER MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #8, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, and amend Bylaw 100 and 2300 based on the following first principles:

First Principles (Approved August 9, 2016)

1. Councillors are expected to attend, send a Proxy or Councillor-Designate, to meetings of Students' Council.
2. A Councillor shall have an attendance record of at least 50% of meetings each trimester, where attendance is defined as attending for at least one (1) roll call of attendance.
3. Formal attendance shall be calculated at the end of every trimester by the Speaker.
4. Where a Councillor has less than 50% attendance at the end of the trimester, they shall be automatically removed as a member of Students' Council.
 - a. Leaves of absence for elections shall not be accounted into the attendance percentage.
5. The contravening Councillor shall be able to appeal their removal to D.I.E. Board, based on extenuating circumstances including but not limited to those listed below, within three (3) business days of their removal:
 - a. Medical, emotional, mental, or family emergencies; and
 - b. Other circumstances deemed reasonable, at the discretion of D.I.E. Board.
6. Unreliable proxies or Councillor-Designates shall not be considered a reasonable excuse for appeal, unless D.I.E. Board deems there were extenuating circumstances.
7. The Speaker shall attend the D.I.E. Board hearing to provide the official attendance record and field any questions of the Board.
8. Should the D.I.E. Board approve an appeal to the contravening Councillor, that Councillor shall be re-appointed immediately.
9. The Speaker shall present at Council and email these regulations to all Councillors at the start of each trimester.
10. These regulations shall also be included in the Nomination Package of each Council election.

11. Bylaw 100 and 2300 shall be amended to implement this process.
12. This process shall not take effect until the 2017/2018 term of Students' Council.

Councilor Christensen introduces the bill. Vice President Banister speaks in support of the bill, and questions point 6b. Councilor Farooq agrees with Vice President Banister and mentions how students within Nursing and Medicine faculties might struggle to come to meetings. Councilor Christensen discussed the wording of point 6b and why they chose to include it. Councilor Monda discusses how point 6b is not necessary as councilors should be able to arrange for a proxy. Vice President Paches mentions how the point can be broadly interpreted. Councilor Christensen mentions point 6b can be struck but hopes to see some type of point concerning Professional Program as they have very different schedules in which they might not be able to find proxies. Other councilors mention how 6b can still relate as due to the various offering of classes, they might not be able to attend certain meetings. Other councilors mention how point 6b might unfairly punish students who are unable to attend, while other councilors mention how it is not unfair as it is not unreasonable to expect councilors to find proxies.

PACHES/BANISTER MOVE to strike point 6b.

BANISTER/SANDARE call to question.
MOTION CARRIES.

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Roll call vote on Bill #8:
President Rahman - Y
Vice President Banister - Y
Vice President Sandare - Y
Vice President Paches - N
Vice President Ghossein - Y
Governor Champagne - N
Councilor McKinlay - Y
Councilor Angus - Y
Councilor Ndatirwa - Y
Councilor Monda - N
Councilor Larsen - Y
Councilor Victoria Dejong - Y

Councilor Hammond - N
Councilor Persad - Y
Councilor Prochnau - Y
Councilor Nahid - Y
Councilor Brophy - Y
Councilor Christensen - Y
Councilor Scott - Y
Councilor Flaman - N
Councilor Howie - Y
Councilor Warriier - Y
Councilor Kwan - Y
Councilor Nguyen - Y
Councilor Mahal - Y
Councilor Farooq - Y

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MOTION CARRIES

2016-08/7f **ANGUS/RAHMAN MOVES** to appoint Councilor Flaman of Students' Council to Council Administration Committee.

MOTION CARRIES

2016-08/8 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2016-08/8a **RAHMAN/FLAMAN MOVES** to grant Councilor Howie an exception to SU Operating Policy 3.3d to allow for simultaneous employment as a term employee while sitting on UASU Students' Council.

President Rahman introduces this motion. Councilor Flaman comments in favour of this motion. Councilor Larsen asks for clarifications in how this position might interact with executive members.

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MOTION CARRIES

COUNCILOR HOWIE ABSTAINED

2016-08/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2016-08/9a Report from the President.

Please see SC 16-08.06

2016-08/9b Report from the Vice President Operations and Finance

Please see SC 16-08.07

- 2016-08/9c** Report from the Vice President Academic.
Please see SC 16-08.08
- 2016-08/9d** Report from the Vice President Student Life.
Please see SC 16-08.09
- 2016-08/9e** Report from the Vice President External.
Please see SC 16-08.10
- 2016-08/9f** 2016 CRO By-Elections Timeline Announcement
Please see SC 16-08.11
- 2016-08/9g** Report from the Bylaw Committee
Please see SC 16-08.12
- 2016-08/9g** Executive Committee Motion Tracking
Please see SC 16-08.13
- 2016-08/9h** Students' Council Motion Tracking
Please see SC 16-08.14
- 2016-08/9i** Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee
Please see SC 16-08.15
- 2016-08/9j** Committee Motion Tracking - By Date
Please see SC 16-08.16
- 2016-08/9k** Students' Council Attendance
Please see SC 16-08.17

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 pm