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It is resolved that Bylaw 10 be amended as follows:

9. Quorum for the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting shall be one hundred (100) members in good standing of the Society.

ii. Amending Bylaws via referendum

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It is resolved that Bylaw 12 be amended as follows:

1. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by special resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting, at a Special General Meeting, or by indirect voting via a referendum held in accordance with Bylaw 17.

2. Notice of a proposed amendment however initiated shall be given in accordance with Bylaw 10(f) providing notice of the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, or in accordance with Bylaw 17(f) for a referendum question, and shall include the actual wording of the proposed amendment.

3. Amendments to be voted on at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting may be initiated by:

- a. The Board
 - b. Forum
 - c. Any member in good standing of the Society if twenty-one days notice of the actual wording of the proposed amendment is given in writing to the Society prior to the Annual General Meeting
 - d. Any member of the Society requesting a Special General Meeting for the consideration of a proposed amendment, provided that the proposed amendment shall be accompanied by a written petition and the text of the proposed amendments and requesting a Special General Meeting for its consideration and accompanied by the signatures of not less than five percent of the members in good standing of the Society.
4. Amendments to be voted on by referendum may be initiated in accordance with Bylaw 17(d).

iii. Affirmation for uncontested positions in General Election

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It is resolved that Bylaw 14.17 amended as follows:

a. If only one valid nomination is received for a particular office, the name of the nominated candidate shall be placed on a ballot with the names of yes or no. If the candidate receives more yes votes than no votes, the candidate shall be declared duly elected.

b. Should the candidate receive more no votes than yes votes, the office shall be considered vacant, to be filled in accordance with Society Bylaw.

period

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Be it resolved that Bylaw 14.13 be amended as follows:

- a. During the holding period, a "no campaigning zone" shall be established 25 metres around each polling station, within which no campaign posters, signs or notices may be displayed or distributed and no personal delegated campaign activity may take place.
- b. No candidate or representative from a year or no campaign may later within the "no campaigning zone" as set out in 14.13.a.
- c. All campaign materials must be removed within the 24 hours immediately following the close of polls.

i. Changes to Board of Directors Structure – Appointment of Executive Officers, Multiple Faculty Representatives

Summary:

Whereas there are currently fourteen separate offices on the Board of Directors that one may run for, leading to cases where some offices may be left vacant, others may be won by acclamation, and others may have several candidates running for them;

Whereas the Executive Officers and their duties as laid out in the Bylaws making it difficult to add, delete, or amend these positions as may be necessary;

Whereas it is advisable to separate the legislative and the executive branches of the Society;

Whereas it may be more efficient to appoint, rather than elect, the Executive Officers;

Whereas the fact that all candidates for the Board of Directors must commit to essentially working one year at that job, as the Society may severely limit the number and diversity of candidates for office if the Board is too large;

Whereas of the fifteen Directors currently in office, fully eleven of them come from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, including all of the Executive Officers; therefore,

Be it resolved that By-Law 1 be amended by replacing the definition of "Executive Officer(s)" with the following:

"Executive Officer(s)" means the Executive Officer(s) of the Society appointed or elected in accordance with By-Law 4.

Be it further resolved that By-Law 4 be amended by repealing sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7, and by replacing sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 with the following:

1. The Executive Officers of the Society shall consist of the President, the Treasurer, and such other Executive Officers that may be designated by regulation.

2. The Board may, by regulation, determine:

a. the manner in which the Executive Officers are appointed or elected

b. the manner in which the Executive Officers may be removed from office

c. the stipend to be given to the Executive Officers

d. the powers, duties and obligations of each of the Executive Officers

3. The Executive Officers shall be members in good standing of the Society and shall not miss more than one regulation during terms of office. In order to remain a member in good standing during a semester in which an Executive Officer is not registered that member shall pay all Society fees for that semester at a rate equal to the pro-rated part-time student rate.

- a. Executive Officers may, but need not, be members of the Board.
 - b. An Executive Officer elected becomes a member of the Board simply by virtue of being an Executive Officer.
- Be it further resolved that By-Law 5, section 2 be amended to read as follows:
2. The Board shall consist of
- a. the faculty and graduate representatives elected in accordance with By-Law 11
 - b. the Campus Committee representative appointed in accordance with By-Law 6, section 3.
- Be it further resolved that By-Law 6, section 12 be amended to read as follows:
12. Quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be a majority of the seats filled.
- Be it further resolved that By-Law 6, section 8 be amended to read as follows:
- a. In the event a faculty or graduate representative position on the Board becomes vacant, Forum may by two-thirds majority vote appoint an acting member to assume the powers and fulfill the duties and obligations of the position so vacated.
 - b. To be eligible as an acting faculty representative to the Board, the nominee must be eligible to run as an elector for that position.
 - c. To be eligible as an acting graduate representative to the Board, the nominee must be eligible to run as an elector for that position, and must be nominated by the Society's Graduate Issues Committee.
- Be it further resolved that By-Law 14, section 4 be amended to read as follows:
4. Any student who is an active member in good standing of the Society and who is a registered graduate student may run and may vote for the position of graduate representative to the Board.
- Be it further resolved that By-Law 14 be amended by adding section 5 between sections 4 and 6, to read as follows:
5. Each faculty and the entirety of graduate students shall be represented by one voting representative on the Board for every 1,000 students or portion thereof. Provided that each faculty and the entirety of graduate students shall be represented by at least one person. The necessary calculations shall be made during the Spring semester.
- Be it further resolved that By-Law 5 be amended by adding section 4, to read as follows:
4. The Board of Directors elected in Spring 2005 continues to hold office until April 30, 2006.

ii. Creation of Campus Committees

- Faculty**
- Whereas graduate students are represented through the Graduate Issues Committee and through two representatives on the Board of Directors,
- Whereas students from satellite campuses at SFU currently have no substantive means of representation through the Society,
- Whereas students from satellite campuses at other universities and colleges have achieved representation by organizing and holding independent student societies, or by forming autonomous 'campus councils' and achieving representation on their student society's Board of Directors, therefore
- Be it resolved that By-Law 6 be amended by adding section 5.1 between sections 5 and 6, to read as follows:
- 5.1
- a. The Board shall maintain as standing committees Campus Committees for each of the satellite campuses of the University.

the campus and advising the Board and other agents of the Society as necessary;

4. Each Campus Committee shall have the power to appoint one voting representative to the Board of Directors.

5. It is further resolved that By-Law 10, sub-section 3(a) be amended by adding the words "and the Stoney Campus" at the end of the sub-section.

6. It is further resolved that By-Law 11, section 1 be amended to read as follows:

5. Each member in good standing of the Society shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and at any Special General Meeting. In order to exercise her or his vote the member shall be present at the meeting at the time the vote is put, and no votes by proxy shall be allowed.

6. General Meetings may be scheduled in order to allow students at multiple campuses to participate, provided that each participant is able to vote and to hear every other participant.

iii. Abolition of Forum

Whereas Forum, under the current By-Laws, has very few powers;

Whereas Forum does not have the ability to hire or direct staff, adopt policy, create committees with substantive powers, or communicate its published convictions (or any other message for that matter) to the University, the membership, or the general public;

Whereas the only real powers that Forum has are the power to recognize new department student unions and constituent groups, the power to appoint replacement Board members, and the power to elect honorary members of Forum at the Society;

Whereas Forum is extremely expensive to operate;

Whereas there are superior means of facilitating communication between the Department Student Unions and Graduate Caricatures and the Society, therefore;

Be it resolved that By-Laws 7 and 8 be repealed;

Be it further resolved that the phrases "or Forum" and "and Forum" be deleted in every instance in which they appear in these By-Laws;

Be it further resolved that the definition of "Forum" and "Honorary member of Forum" in By-Law 1 be repealed;

Be it further resolved that By-Law 9, section 2 and sub-section 4(a) be amended by replacing the word "Forum" with "the Board";

Be it further resolved that By-Law 10, section 2(a) be amended by removing the word "Forum";

Be it further resolved that By-Law 13, sub-section 3(b) be repealed;

Be it further resolved that By-Law 14 be amended by removing the word "either" in section 3 and by replacing section 6;

Be it further resolved that By-Law 6 be amended by adding sections 15, 16, and 17, to read as follows:

15. The Board may recognize a constituency group within the University community through a vote requiring two-thirds majority and providing that three votes out of five of such a vote at a Board meeting has been given in notice of motion to the Board;

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17. In the event a faculty or graduate representative position on the Board becomes vacant, the Board may by two-thirds majority vote appoint an acting member to assume the powers and fulfill the duties and obligations of the position so vacated;

- b. To be eligible as an acting faculty representative to the Board, the nominee must be eligible to run as an election for that position.
 - c. To be eligible as an acting graduate representative to the Board, the nominee must be eligible to run as an election for that position and must be nominated by the Society's Graduate Issues Committee.
 - d. Notwithstanding the provisions of By-Law 6(16), a member of the Board removed from office in accordance with By-Law 16(2) shall be replaced by way of election or by appointment by ordinary resolution to serve during the balance of the term.
17. The Board may appoint honorary members of the Society at its discretion.

iv. Availability of Financial Statements

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- Whereas section 39 of the Society Act stipulates that every society must mail a copy of their financial statements to each of their members unless the By-Laws of that society specify an alternative method of providing notice.
- Whereas it would be very costly to mail the financial statements of the Society on a yearly basis to the Society's members.
- Whereas the Society may currently be in violation of the Society Act therefore,
- Be it resolved that By-Law 10 be amended by adding section 3.1 between sections 3 and 4, as follows:
- 3.1
- a. In the case of an Annual General Meeting, the notice in section 3 must contain a statement that the financial statements of the Society may be reviewed at the offices of the Society during business hours for the 10 days immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.
 - b. The financial statements of the Society may be reviewed at the offices of the Society during business hours for the 10 days immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.
 - c. This section is intended to fulfill the requirements of section 39 of the Society Act.

v. Single Transferable Vote System for Student Society Elections

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- Whereas students are currently elected to the Board of Directors through the First Past the Post system, which encourages the formation of clubs and leads to reduced proportionality of representation,
- Be it resolved that By-Law 14, sub-section 2(a) be amended to read as follows:
- c. Positions shall be elected using the Single Transferable Vote method (or multi seat elections or the alternative for single seat elections) provided.
- Be it further resolved that By-Law 14, section 16 be amended to read as follows:
16. The term of the ballot shall be decided by the Independent Electoral Commission.

Gregory

Whereas the By-Laws used to state that the Ombuds Office was independent of the Society, but no longer do so;

Whereas advising the Society on university procedures is not an appropriate function of an Ombuds Office; therefore,

Be it resolved that By-Law 19, section 1 be amended to read as follows:

1. The Ombuds Office shall be an autonomous agency of the Society, independent and autonomous of all existing administrative structures of the University and the Society;

Be it further resolved that By-Law 19, section 4 be amended by repealing sub-section b and by inserting the word "primary" in sub-section a;

Be it further resolved that By-Law 19, section 5 be amended to read as follows:

5. The Ombuds person(s) shall not disclose any information provided to her or him in confidence by a complainant.

viii. International Student Representation

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Whereas international students are becoming a more and more significant presence at Simon Fraser University;

Whereas international students are largely being marginalized or ignored by university policy;

Whereas integration of international students into the SFU community is desirable, but at the same time the current policies often ignore the specific situation that they face: adjustment to a new culture, language difficulties, binding legal restrictions;

Whereas massive increases in tuition and differential fees create a situation in which international students are being used to subsidize other activities not related to education, studying at SFU is no longer affordable for 95% of the world's population, and the financial well-being of current international at SFU is severely threatened;

Whereas international students happen to be a legally defined subgroup of students at Simon Fraser University with distinct differences in their needs and issues from the rest of the student population;

Whereas current bylaws need to be amended to guarantee an effective and just representation of such a significant minority of our student population through the creation of a specific At-Large representative position reserved to international students;

Whereas the Board of Directors is the highest decision making body in the Simon Fraser Student Society where decisions affecting international students at SFU are to be made;

Whereas direct international student representation on the Student Society Board of Directors would be essential in ensuring that international student issues will be effectively considered when making decisions;

Be it resolved that By-law 1 be amended to include the definition of International Student as follows:

International student means 'international student' as defined by Simon Fraser University.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 5.2 be amended to read:

- The Board shall consist of
- The Executive Officers
- One student representative from each University faculty
- Two At-Large students
- One At-Large graduate student

Any student who is an active member in good standing of the Society and who is a registered international student may run for the "At-Large International Student" position on the Board. Any student who is an active member in good standing of the Society and who is an international student may vote for the "At-Large International Student" position on the Board.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 8.6 be amended by adding "c" to read:

To be eligible as an acting At-Large International Student representative to the Board, the nominee must be an active member in good standing of the Society and a registered international student. In case no nominee is there to run, the position would be taken up by a regularly elected member of Forum nominated by the International Students' Consultancy Group (ICG). If there is no active international student's Consultancy Group, the nominee must be an active member in good standing of the Society, a registered international student, and a regularly elected member of Forum.

x. Election Recount Request Deadline

Enactment

Whereas the current by-law requires candidates to request a recount of votes cast before all votes have been tallied;

Whereas there is no provision for an automatic recount in the case of a close race;

Whereas there are no limits on who may request a recount;

Be it resolved that Bylaw 14.21 be amended as follows:

When a count results in one or more candidates being within twenty votes of the prevailing candidate, the Chief Electoral Commissioner shall call for a recount within 24 hours. Candidates may request a recount of votes cast within 72 hours of the announcement of unofficial results, provided a candidate is within 20 votes of the prevailing candidate. After that time, the ballot for the election shall be destroyed under supervision of the Chief Commissioner.

xi. Election Spending Limits:

Enactment

Whereas it is desirable to create an equitable election where no candidate is disadvantaged due to personal finances;

Whereas the Student Society has a responsibility to mitigate the costs of participating in the election;

Whereas the election spending limit has been at the same level for over a decade;

Whereas it is preferable to use Student Society services for the production of materials;

Be it resolved that Bylaw 14.14 be amended as follows:

The campaign expense limit shall be determined through Administration Policy and may not be amended following the notice of nomination period. Each candidate shall receive a \$50 credit towards the printing of materials at the Student Society print shop.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors set the spending limit through policy, with the amount to be announced in the notice of nomination for the upcoming election.

Resolution

Whereas many members of the society do not attend Burnaby Mountain campus;
Whereas the by-law provides no requirements for on-campus polling for Surrey and
Harbour Centre Campuses or other campuses where numbers warrant;
Whereas polling at all campuses may require differing polling hours and days;
Be it resolved that Bylaw 14.18(b) be amended as follows:
Polling for all positions shall occur for a minimum of 6 hours per day and shall not
exceed 12 hours.
Be it further resolved that Bylaw 14.18 be amended to include subsection c as follows:
Polling stations shall be established at the SFU Burnaby, Harbour Centre and Surrey
campuses. The Independent Electoral Commission may establish polling stations at
other campuses where numbers warrant.