

Call to Order – 2:30 pm, August 6, 2014 | MBC 2294

1. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

Executive Officer (*chair*) Darwin Binesh
President (*ex officio*) Chardaye Bueckert
Board of Directors Member Shadnam Khan
Board of Directors Member Shirin Escarcha
Board of Directors Member Adam Potvin
Board of Directors Member Rebecca Langmead
Councilor Kathleen Yang
Student At-Large

Society Staff

Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator Pierre Cassidy
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Chief Electoral Officer Lorenz Yeung

Regrets

Councilor Melissa Lee
Student At-Large Michael Carbonnier

Absent

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION CPR 2014-08-06:01

Potvin

Be it resolved to approve the agenda as amended

Given the procedural nature of R-3.1 and R-14, both were moved to the beginning. AP-44

Revision was struck as it was not circulated in time.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

3. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION CPR 2014-08-06:03

Yang

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Councilor Melissa Lee

Student At-Large Michael Carbonnier

Lee for examinations, Carbonnier for employment conflicts (HR matters at work).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION CPR 2014-08-06:03

Potvin

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2014-07-30

CARRIED

5. Business

a. Policy/Procedure Excise - R-14

The CRP Coordinator corrected a number of issues to align policies with current operating practices, as well as clarifying language.

It was perceived that the provision of paper copies of the agenda ahead of time was redundant given availability on the website.

There was a desire for the President to maintain consistency in the tone of the meeting, while agenda items were also being received by the Chair and the Minute Taker for notification purposes.

Support for the separation of the reports from board members and reports from committee representatives and delegates was expressed, given the varying works inherent in each position. Standing orders require committees to report to Board and provided for a reporting mechanism for the Board to understand the actions committee have taken on behalf of the Board, particularly given the legal liability that the Board held. The board had the opportunity to decide on the format in which the reports should be submitted.

MOTION CPR 2014-08-06:04

Bueckert

Be it resolved to recommend to BOD amalgamate R-12/13/14 as proposed under R-XX Board Meetings subject to the following amendments:

5. Agenda items for regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and supporting documents must be submitted to the President, Chair, and the Minute Taker no later than noon, three business days before a Board of Directors meeting.
6. Board of Directors packages will be available electronically on the Society website ~~and in paper form at the Society General Office~~ two business days prior to regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

In the future, the external chair stipend may be up for discussion.

CARRIED

b. Policy/Procedure Excise - R-3.1

MOTION CPR 2014-08-06:05

Khan

Be it resolved that the proposed changes to R-3.1 be recommended to Board as presented

The proposal was meant to clarify the separation of operations from governance, as the departments had already been asked to excise any policies relating exclusively to their offices. Thus, the APs would no longer be used to establish procedures.

CARRIED

c. Election Policy

A review of the major concerns as expressed at the previous CPR meeting was conducted. In the previous meeting, the only accepted recommendations were that of changing The Peak to student newspaper (for future-proofing purposes), and the acceptance of binding recommendations from Council to Board for the nomination of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Amendments around stipends issues – IEC hours of work was changed to volunteer hours (given taxation concerns), and biweekly was changed to semimonthly (accounting practices).

One exit report in 2003 indicated that binding recommendations were prohibited but no prohibitions were found in previous versions of the policy manual nor the bylaws. Chief Electoral Officers at the provincial and federal levels were appointed by the House of Commons; It may be possible for the CEO to be selected collaboratively by the Board and Council. However the size of the group may impact efficiency. Also, privacy concerns were raised around having resumes received by a large group.

The Constitution and Policy Review Committee agreed that the Chief Electoral Officer should provide a binding recommendation on their commissioners to the Board, given logistical ease. Board would vest its power in the IEC by virtue of a vote to appoint the IEC.

Campaign spending amount - The issue was noted by the CRP Coordinator in preparation for future AGMs and SGMs, along with any other recommendations requiring bylaw changes. Debate ensued around acceptable amounts for candidate campaign funding, with some requesting higher amounts and some requesting lower. However, if restrictions on online campaign spending were relaxed, costs may also decrease. A number of student unions provide \$150 to \$300 per candidate, who have done customized shirts, food with voting information, swag, online ads, staff. The discussion was tabled until the discussion on the campaigning section was completed.

Acceptability of Slates

- If a number of individuals share a vision, it may not be prudent to stop the members from working together to raise the profile of the student society.
 - Issues were identified around homogeneity and constant party domination of the Board.
 - There was a desire to avoid external organizations affecting the electoral process by supporting a certain slate.
- Endorsement was no longer restricted aside from restrictions on referenda campaigns supporting candidates
- The IEC would determine whether the slate name would be attached to the ballot unless expressly directed to/not to.
- While the committee agreed that slates should exist, there was some desire for slate regulation.
 - Pooling of funds was identified as an area of concern.
 - The potential of a number of false candidates pooling all funds to fund the campaign of a single candidate was raised as a concern.
 - Regulation could be in place to limit any transfer of one candidates funds to another candidates campaign
 - Concern was raised that elections would be exclusive to slates in the future.
 - Feasibility of enforcement was raised as an issue
- The committee was recommended to consider the perspective of the membership, as slates and increased funding may correlate but may not cause success.

- Interaction between candidate handbook and rules and elections policies was sought
 - Candidates handbooks would be trimmed down and identify the relationship between the IEC and candidates and referenda representatives, as well as expense tracking information.

The Committee came to the consensus that Voting-Ballots 2 should be revised to read – Ballots shall only refer to a candidate by name (and slate if applicable).

Campaign Infractions and Appeals

IEC procedures manual includes a mandate to create a candidates handbooks, which could also be added the policy as a requirement to distribute informational material to candidates.

Concern was raised around the lack of standardization of punishment for infractions.

Constitution and Policy Review Committee members would submit recommended changes to the committee in advance. CRP Coordinator would circulate the newest version of the document. The committee was reminded that the spirit of changing the elections policy was to remove all elections impediments beyond slander.

6. Attachments

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7. Adjournment

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Original

R-12: Board of Directors Meetings, Quorum, and Speaking Privileges

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3. All students who are members in good standing have full speaking privileges at Board of Directors meetings.

Amended: BOD 03-19-03

R-13: Board of Directors Chairperson, Honorarium, and External Chair

1. The Board of Directors may, by simple majority vote, appoint a person to chair the Board of Director meetings from amongst its seated members, or it may appoint a chairperson external to it as per By-law 6.9(a).
2. An external chair shall receive a \$75 honorarium for each meeting that he/she/zir chairs.
3. The external chairperson shall continue to chair Board of Directors meetings during in camera sessions.
4. The external chairperson is bound by all rules governing in camera sessions.

Amended: BOD 03-19-08, BOD 06-10-09

R-14: Board of Directors Meeting Agendas and Location

Agenda

1. The order and items of business for Board of Directors meetings are:
 - a. Appointment of the Chair
 - b. Adoption of the Agenda
 - c. Guest Speaker
 - d. Adoption of the Minutes
 - e. Matters Arising from the Minutes
 - f. Appointments/Resignations
 - g. Unfinished Business
 - h. Reports from Executive and Department Representatives
 - i. Reports of Committees, Representatives, and Delegates
 - j. New Business
 - k. Notices of Motion
 - l. Announcements
 - m. Attachments

- n. Adjournment
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3. Board of Directors packages will be available at the Society General Office two business days prior to regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

Location

1. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Harbour Centre campus every year.
2. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Surrey campus every year.
3. The agenda, time, and location of regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings shall be published on the Society website prior to these meetings. The agenda, time, and location of emergency Board of Directors meetings shall be published on the Society's website if possible.

Adopted: BOD 03-19-03
Amended: BOD 03-16-05, BOD 04-16-08, BOD 07-14-08

Proposal

R-XX; Board of Directors Meetings

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General Information

Name

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Organizational Need

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Policy Proposal

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Explanation of Proposal

In light of the need outlined above, provide an explanation of the policy proposal as the best available option for catering to that need.

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R-3: Establishment and Revision of Administrative Policies

1. Administrative policies regulate the business of the Society in general.
2. A motion to establish or amend an Administrative Policy shall:
 - a. Be given two (2) weeks notice of motion,
 - b. Be posted on the SFSS website and
 - c. Be circulated to the Council Email list, and
 - d. Be referred to the Constitution and Policy Review Committee for a recommendation and for a report on its impact and effects, and its compatibility with the Constitution and By-Laws and other Rules, Standing Orders, and Administrative Policies of the Society.
3. An Administrative Policy shall be adopted or amended only by a simple majority vote of members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Board of Directors.

Amended: BOD 07-15-02, BOD 11-17-08