

Call to Order – 12:00 pm, April 4th, 2013

1. Call to Order

The Meeting will be called to order by SFSS president Lorenz Yeung.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEETING RULES

The meeting will consider the agenda prepared by the Board of Directors. Changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

The Chairperson will provide a brief overview of Robert’s Rules of Order, a system of meeting rules and procedures that the Student Society uses for the general meeting.

MOTION SGM 04-03-13:02

Cedric Chen/Carlos Tamayo

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

MOTION SGM 04-03-13:03

Cedric Chen/Darwin Binesh

Be it resolved that the By-law amendments be accepted as presented effective May 1st 2014 onwards.

Review of proposed change to by-laws:

Lorenz Yeung: some of the changes include faculty student unions, and SFSS board structure.

Cedric Chen once we achieve quorum are we voting on all amendments at once?

Lorenz Yeung: we approve all by-laws in one package, with one vote.

Cedric Chen: if a student who has not graduated is currently registered in a program but not registered in a course, do they count as an active member?

Lorenz Yeung: as stated in by-law two, as long as you are in a program you are considered an active undergraduate. [...] By-law three is unchanged. In by-law four we have proposed changes to the executive composition.

Joseph Leivdal: Under the section “Vice President Student Life,” you’ve deleted “and it’s sadasdasdsadsadsaemployees” employees.”

Lorenz Yeung: this used to be URO position. Currently we have an IRO in charge of all staff relations. We decided to remove it because it was not a suitable position for an undergraduate, it is a full time managerial position. It is also difficult for staff to have a different boss every year. We have a full time executive director who oversees this now. We leave the day to day issues to executive director, for things like grievances we go to the President and Union.

Cedric Chen: where is the by-law that concerns the executive director position?

Lorenz Yeung: it is a management change, so it’s not in the by-laws.

Isaac Lauie: lobbying and advocacy might be ignored with this change.

Lorenz Yeung: we are splitting the MSO position into two.

Isaac Lauie: what is happening to the committees?

Lorenz Yeung: the executive director does not get to make decisions regarding the committees.

Isaac Lauie: will the recommendations made by the lawyer be made available?

Lorenz Yeung: I have an old copy of it, as this has gone through an extensive process. The lawyer just proposed changes to wording.

Joseph Leivdal: I am concerned that we are voting on this in one go. While these may look like subtle changes to everyone, a lot of them have consequences. Perhaps we can vote on them by bylaw? Also, the new bylaw 20, please look at this. “All documents of the society shall be kept in the office of the society,” it has been changed to “documents.” This does open up to problematic interpretations of policy.

Lorenz Yeung: the reason is because there are certain documents that only the employer is able to access. For example, the contract between Exec Director and the Board. This was made after a recommendation from the lawyer. If we do want to sever the motion, we can go through each bylaw. To adopt bylaws we need a 75% majority.

Cedric Chen: I would like to move a motion to amend the agenda, amending item 3 on the agenda we would no longer have to vote on all the amendments at the same time, but one by-law-

law at a time, so that there would be 22 votes instead of one vote.

Carlos Tamayo: I would like to call the question.

CARRIED

Cedric: motion to amend the agenda so we can vote on each amendment separately.

MOTION SGM 04-03-2013:04

Cedric/Joseph

Be it resolved that the bylaw amendments be severed and adopted individually

FAILED

Lorenz Yeung: any further questions on exec composition?

Joseph Leivdal: regarding change of “all documents” to “documents”, I would amend that to go back

back to saying which documents will be kept on records.

Lorenz Yeung: we need to wait until we get to 20. By law 5 has not changed, bylaw six which is powers and duties of directors, we have changed some wording. Look at 5 under by law six which has had the most change.

Isaac Lauie: why were faculty student unions added?

Lorenz Yeung: there was uneven membership from the faculty of arts, business, science. I will get into the details of how this change will work.

Cedric Chen: if a DSU does not agree that the Board’s decision to amend, suspend, or repeal regulation, how can they appeal?

Lorenz Yeung: the way policy changes, you could propose changes through committee, and would be brought to Board (minimum of two week period to make changes to policy), it is an extensive process. By-law 7 deals with student council. I would like to note that this is a transition by-law, this will have to be re considered at a later date, but right now because we are still in a transition, we have representatives from both departments.

Joseph Leivdal: why is there no obligation for SFSS Board to notify Forum reps about student council changes?

Lorenz: that is a policy change, not a by-law. How it works is the constitution is at tope, and the bylaws are difficult to change, but they provide the structure of the SFSS, council, board, and legal. Than we have policy, which is easier to change.

Isaac Lauie: question about item 4, it just says majority seats failed.

Lorenz Yeung: see 2A1 constituency group. The biggest change is addition of FSU.

Isaac Laudie: page 16 item 17, I was just wondering why it was added to bylaw 7 when it was added to 8.

Lorenz Yeung: they are redundant, but they don't contradict each other. We can always remove one if we want.

Joseph Leivdal: regarding name change from Forum to council, it seems redundant to me. There is history attached to the name of Forum.

Lorenz Yeung: I asked forum if they wanted to change and they did. On to by-law 8. With this change we will let FSU's decide what DSU's do.

Carlos Tamayo: can we save time to just talk about the by-laws that need discussion?

Cedric Chen: I oppose that.

Question: what constituted a constituency group? Why there are going to be three undergrad from education and business?

Lorenz Yeung: Constituency Groups are the Women's Centre, Out on Campus, Residence Hall and Students United for Disabilities Support. Any group that does not fall under DSU's. Forum will make the decision if they can be added. The 3 seats for those faculties was a historical thing, I believe it was tied to population, as well as the fact that they only have 1 FSU.

Isaac Laudie: who was working on amending the constitution?

Lorenz Yeung: mostly me.

Isaac Laudie: were students not consulted?

Lorenz Yeung: we had a working group in the summer, but it was left to me. I presented all of this to Board, Forum, and our legal team.

Isaac Laudie: how was it publicized?

Lorenz Yeung: through Forum.

Cedric Chen: I don't often defend the Board, but if the Board has brought documents to forum and you didn't hear about it, you should talk to your Forum rep.

Lorenz Yeung: can we keep discussion to the by-laws? Move to by-law 9 on FSU's. We want introduce another level of governance. The key thing is that this doesn't force us to create a FSU but allows us to if needed. FSU's can consider what they would like to see in DSU's. They are not legal entities, and all actions fall to the Board of Directors. The BOD will not micromanage FSU's, but the BOD will be liable for actions of FSU's.

Cedric Chen: how did forum respond to proposal to membership fees?

Lorenz Yeung: that is a different bylaw. By-law 10 is on DSU's.

Cedric Chen: any faculty that wants to form a FSU has to go through referendum? What if BASS wants to upgrade?

Carlos Tamayo: I would like to call the question.

Lorenz Yeung: because there has been opposition we have to vote on calling the question. Also, the only thing outstanding is edits to the table of contents.

SGM votes on calling the question.

CALLED

SGM votes on Motion for by-law Amendment.

CARRIED

7 Opposed

243 In Favor

4. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 1:02