

Annual General Meeting

Minutes for Wednesday, November 14th, 2007

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 12:42pm
2. **Call for Quorum**
Quorum was present
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
Proposed amendment by Megan Harder should read 10 (ten) dollars instead of 2 (two) dollars.
Move to accept the agenda with the afore mentioned change.
AGM Motion01:Horvey/Harder Carried
4. **Adoption of the Minutes from February 2007**
Move to accept the minutes from the February Annual General Meeting as presented.
AGM Motion02:Schultz/Luhning Carried
5. **Presidents Report**
This has been a very busy year for the USSU. The potential for a housing crisis for students was narrowly avoided. The Centennial Celebration was a huge success for the University and the USSU. The Place Riel Renovation is moving ahead. This will dominate most of the upcoming year. There has been a Student Steering Committee formed to help with this project. The steering committee consists of 10 (ten) students at large. There has also been a survey released on line regarding the renovations.
The USC was also involved in CFS negotiations.
Personally President Pepler has been working on accountability and transparency for the Board of Governors. President Pepler has secured another accountability and transparency meeting for sometime in March 2008.
There are several sustainability projects being brought forward by the Executive. For example Waste-less Wednesday and waste audits in the Colleges.
Currently the biggest news for the USSU is the strike by CUPE. We will most likely be holding a student protest in the very near future.
The USSU was also very involved with the Provincial election. We strove to inform students on where they could vote. There was even some national news coverage of our efforts.
This has been a very busy first half of the year.

Move to accept the Presidents report as given.

AGM Motion03:Crosbie/Liska

Carried

6. Auditors Report

The auditors report is attached to this document.

- 6.2** Be it resolved that the audited financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union be accepted for the year ended April30,2007, as presented.

AGM Motion04:Ring/Steeves

Carried

- 6.3** Be it resolved that the auditing firm of KPMG Chartered Accountants be appointed for the 2007/2008 audit.

AGM Motion05:Ring/Pepler

Carried

7. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Creation of Bylaw4:Elections and Referenda

VP Ring spoke to the need for this Bylaw. Currently there are needless changes being made to the policy. When the CFS referendum is held we will need firm bylaws that are difficult to change. This makes it necessary that all changes to this bylaw would need to be brought to an AGM or SGM.

Move that the USSU adopt the proposed amendment, creation of Bylaw 4: Elections and Referenda

AGM Motion06:Ring/Kenney

Debate on this Amendment:

Ashley Smith Spoke in favor of making this policy a bylaw. However, she felt that there were errors in the writing of the bylaw that should be changed before this happens. This is supported by the USC minutes of April 5th, 2007. Council at that time stated its concerns with the policy at that time. There was a motion brought which read: "This USC urges next year's council to rewrite the Election and Referenda policy and procedures as it pertains to handling complaints" There is a concern that perhaps the elections board has too much power over elections and referenda.

Megan Harder spoke against this amendment. She felt that there was a need to review the bylaw and what she felt were flaws within. She felt

the need for the bylaw to go through the USC before being brought to the AGM.

VP Ring replied that the concerns mentioned by Smith and Harder were brought to USC in the past three (3) weeks. At that time it was discussed that if there were any friendly amendments that VP ring would be open to those. Again VP Ring stated that in past years changes, made with ease, to this policy have been very detrimental to USC. Elections and referenda need bylaws that are consistent and require substantial work and involvement to change. This bylaw will guide the major decisions of the USSU.

Ashley Smith apologized for not bringing changes and amendments to USC.

Brent Thoma, president of the student Medical society. He wanted to make a point of order: to amend a policy you need to have a 2/3 vote, to amend something that has previously been adopted. To amend a bylaw would also require a 2/3 vote by council then it would have to be taken to the next AGM for approval. The only difference is the need for approval at the AGM

VP Steeves spoke in favor of the amendment. She stated that because of the current state of the policy the USSU is open tot lawsuits. With the CFS referenda being held in the next two (2) years the USSU needs to have concrete bylaws.

Call for question:??/Leon

Defeated

Continued Debate:

VP Ring addressed Ashlee Smiths concerns of flaws within the bylaw. These flaws would only pertain to certain campaigning strategies. This Bylaw was scrutinized by President Pepler and VP Ring over the summer as it pertained to campaigning.. The current five executive had little to no complaints when they ran because they followed the rules. VP Ring also brought forward that the current executive is the fourth (4) consecutive executive that has had to deal with the CFS problems. These problems are a result of the current policy.

President Pepler Stated that this executive will work to make sure that any changes to be made will be taken care of at the next AGM.

AGM Motion06:Ring/Kenney

Carried

7.2 Proposed Amendment to Bylaw1, Article 10

Move that article 10 be removed from Bylaw1.

AGM Motion07:Ring/Steeves

Carried

7.3 Proposed amendment to Bylaw 2, Article 2

VP Kenney spoke to the need to change the portfolios of the Vice-Presidents. Currently there is an unequal distribution of work. The changes will alleviate that inequity. There is also a need to include the sustainability initiatives under the VP Student Issues Portfolio.

Move to remove transit and transportation and add sustainability to the Vice President Student Issues Portfolio.(Bylaw 2,Article2)

AGM Motion08:Kenney/Pepler

Carried

7.4 Proposed amendment to Bylaw2, Article 5

Move to accept the amendment under Bylaw 2, Article 5 adding transit and transportation to the Vice President External Affairs portfolio.

AGM Motion09:Levesque/Pepler

Carried

8. Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Proposed Amendment to Article 1

Jeff Galbraith spoke to the amendment. He wants to amend every instance, except for the first, where University of Saskatchewan Students' Union appears to read USSU.

Move to amend the constitution to include (USSU) after the first appearance of University of Saskatchewan Students' Union and to edit all further occurrences' of the same to USSU.(Omni bus)

AGM Motion10:Smith/Schultz

Carried

Proposed Amendment to Article 2

Move to Omni bus all similar changes to the constitution as proposed in this amendment.

AGM Motion11:Galbraith/Cote

Carried

Proposed Amendment to Article 3

Omni bused material

Move to strike the words "dynamic and unified" from this article

AGM Motion12:Galbraith/Cote

Carried

Proposed Amendment to Article 4

Omni bused

Proposed Amendment to Article 5

Move to have the article read “Of all registered Undergraduate students who are currently assessed fees voluntarily or otherwise.”

AGM Motion13:Pepler/Costley Carried

Proposed Amendment to Article 6

Omni bused material

Move to locate the phrase “Subject to the constitution” to the top of the article and strike all other occurrences of the phrase.

AGM Motion14:Galbraith/Schultz Carried

Move to change every instance, except the first, where “University Student Council” appears to “USC”.(Omni Bus)

AGM Motion15:Galbraith/Schultz Carried

Proposed Amendment to Article 7

Omni bused Material

Move to change the “College of Commerce” to the “Edwards School of Business”

Friendly amendment: It should read the “N. Murray Edwards School of Business” The amendment was accepted.

AGM Motion16:Galbraith/Leon Carried

Proposed Amendment to Article 8 – proposed by Member Galbraith

Omni bused Material

Move to amend Article 8 to read
There shall be elections in March of each year for all positions on the Executive and the USC.

President Pepler was concerned that not all USC elections would be able to take place by the March deadline. He proposed a friendly amendment to have the article read:

“There shall be elections in March of each year for all positions on the Executive. Members of the USC will be elected by April.”

The friendly amendment was accepted by member Galbraith.

AGM Motion17:Galbraith/Harder

Carried

Proposed Amendment to Article 8 –proposed by member Buchanan

Move to amend Article 8 to appear as follows:

A friendly amendment to have this change take effect in the 2008/09 academic year.

Debate: much of it is not audible, no microphone

President Pepler spoke against this motion, stating his concerns over implementation. He was also concerned about changing the way that the USSU votes as an organization. Perhaps there is a need for clarification.

Member 78 point of clarification. ???

VP Ring wanted to address the new elections bylaw speaks to ballots. Is there a conflict?

Member Thoma this is only one round of ballots. As well the dates stipulated for implementation of this amendment should not and can not appear in the Constitution. It can be included as a note for delayed effect.

VP Steeves spoke in favor of the amendment and its favorable democratic outcome. This could be ground breaking for our organization.

VP Kenney spoke in favor of this amendment. There is the possibility to save time.

VP Ring spoke about the need to discuss this with PAWS.

Member Buchanan replied that he thought this would be a possibility. However, he had not spoken to PAWS to see if it is possible.

Member Galbraith spoke to clarify. He stated that yes Paws is capable. They are willing to program a program if there is a need. This is an

instant voting system with only one round of voting needed. Third tradition is a poor reason not to change the method of voting.

President Pepler stated he has a concern about the lack of time and research that has gone in to this amendment.

VP Ring asked how this would work when some one runs unopposed.

Chair Libel There would then be a Yes/No ranking.

Member Galbraith confirmed this.

NOTE: Time constraint there will be a class arriving for a final in 20 minutes.

Member Buchanan stated that he felt there was more than enough time to make this work for the USSU

Called for question. Seconded by VP Steeves.
Carried

Move to have part 4 of this Article (pre-change) part 5 (this amendment) stricken.

AGM Motion18:Steeves/Liska Carried

AGM Motion19:Buchanan/Galbraith Carried

Proposed Amendment to Article 9

Omni bused Material

Move to Have Article 9, Section A read as follows:

Elected Members of the Executive may be removed from office following a motion of non-confidence passed by both a vote of at least two-thirds of the councilors present at a meeting which represents at least 50% of the USC in favor of the removal from office and majority vote at a Special General Meeting (SGM).

AGM Motion20:Galbraith/Schultz Carried

Proposed Amendment to Article 10

Omni bused Material

Move that Article 10 read as follows:

There shall be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members of the USSU in November of each year. Members shall receive at least fifteen days notice of the AGM.

A SGM shall be held following a motion passed for that purpose by a simple majority of councilors present at a meeting of the USC. Member shall receive at least fifteen days notice of a SGM.

AGM Motion21:Galbraith/Cote Carried
Proposed Amendment to Article 11

Omni based Material

Move to have the Article 11, Section B read as follows:

If proposed by a member, upon presentation of a petition containing the signatures of not less than five percent of the members of the USSU.

President Pepler spoke against the motion.

AGM Motoin22:Galbraith/Kuspira Defeated

Proposed Amendment to Article 12

Omni bus

Proposed Amendment to Article 13

Omni based Material

A friendly amendment to this motion to strike the two words “of the”.

AGM Motion23:Steeves/Ring Carried

Proposed Amendments to Article 14 –proposed by member Galbraith

Move to have Article 14 read as follows:

Increasing Student Fees

- A. There shall be a referendum for any dedicated fee.
- B. There shall be a further referendum if the fee is to be increased by more than 3%

Member Cote stated that there was not enough time for proper discussion or debate.

Moved to table all further amendments.

AGM Motion:Cote/Liska

Point of Order:

Member Thoma pointed out that you can not table amendments from an AGM. Therefore these amendments need to voted en or with drawn.

The Motion was ruled out of order.

AGM Motion 24:Galbraith/Schultz

Defeated

CALL FOR COUNT

Motion is carried.

8.16 Proposed Amendments to Article 14 – proposed by member Harder

Move to amend Article 14 to read as follows:

Increasing Student Fees

The USSU shall hold a Referendum if they wish to increase student fees by more than ten (10) dollars (CAD) above the consumer price index. (Excluding the Health and Dental Plan)

AGM Motion25:Harder/Pepler

Carried

9. Questions and Comments

Member 67 wanted it on the record that he is very unhappy that the AGM is being forced out of the meeting room.

President Pepler replied that yes this is very unfortunate.

10. Any Other Business

11. Meeting Adjourned

Motion to Adjourn

AGM Motion26:Galbraith/78