

University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

Annual General Meeting

Minutes for November 21st, 2002

Present: Soleman Hashmi (Chair), Leslee Harden (Ex-officio), Angela Erickson (USSU Confidential Secretary), Sharla Daviduik (USSU Researcher & Policy Coordinator), Crystel Knihniski (USSU Accountant), Voting Members as attached

Guests: Ray Kola, Jason Epp, Crystal Clarke

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:45p.m.

AGM MOTION01: ?????/?????

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was determined to be 109 voting members.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agendas as circulate.

AGM MOTION 02: Wong/Jason Villeneuve

Carried.

4. Adoption of the Minutes (AGM, November 22, 2001)

Move to amend to make the motion numbers consecutive.

AGM MOTION 03: Wong

Carried.

Minutes were adopted as amended.

5. Auditor's Report – Ray Kola, KPMG

5.1 Auditor's Report

The auditor's report was presented.

5.2 Financial Statement Resolution

Be it resolved that the audited financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union be accepted for the year ended of April 30, 2002, as presented.

AGM MOTION 04: Jackson/Wong

Carried.

5.3 Auditing Firm Resolution

Be it resolved that the auditing firm of KPMG Chartered Accountants be appointed for the 2002/2003 audit.

AGM MOTION05: Stehr/Wong

Carried.

6. Ratification of Bylaw No. 3: Code of Ethics

Be it resolved that this meeting ratify USSU Bylaw #3, as amended by the University Students' Council on November 14th, 2002.

AGM MOTION06: Stehr/ Luke Coupal Carried.

President Stehr reviewed the Code of Ethics.

Greg Florizone inquired why this is becoming a bylaw.

President Stehr replied that with this being a bylaw it solidifies its importance and creates a more formal document.

7. Proposed Constitutional Amendments

7.1 Proposed Amendment to Article 3 - #1

Move to adopt proposed amendment #1 to Article 3, to add the word "quality".

AGM MOTION07: Stehr/Wong Carried.

7.2 Proposed Amendment to Article 4 - #1

Move to adopt proposed amendment #1 to Article 4, to add the word "sustainability".

AGM MOTION 08: Stehr/Jackson Carried.

President Stehr spoke on behalf of the Executive stating that long-term sustainability (economic, social and environmental sustainability) of an organization is very important.

VP Jackson reviewed the sustainability report.

7.3 Proposed Amendment to Article 4 - #2

Move to strike "environmental responsibility, social justice" and to be replaced by a new article named "Social and Environmental Responsibility".

AGM MOTION 09: Angela Altrogge/Anastasia Tataryn Defeated.

Angela Altrogge spoke for the motion. She states that the amendment is based on equality and mutual respect.

Greg Florizone spoke against the amendment as he feels that it is too specific and redundant.

President Stehr spoke against the amendment but supports the values. He notes that this is already stated in other documents and should not be in the Constitution and would be better placed as a policy.

Rishi Behari spoke against the amendment because it is already in other documents.

VP Jackson spoke against the amendment but agrees with the contents.

VP McDaid spoke against the amendment but he encourages Angela Altrogge to bring it to Student Issues Board.

????? asked how it is too specific.

VP McDaid stated that governance does not make decisions or rules.

Move to call the question.

AGM MOTION10: Greg Frey/Greg Florizone Carried.

7.4 Proposed Amendment to Article 7 - #1

Amendment not brought forth as mover was not in attendance.

7.5 Proposed Amendment to Article 7 - #2

Move to strike "School of Vocational Agriculture".

AGM MOTION11: Stehr/Cameron Arcand Carried.

President Stehr spoke for the motion and explains that Vocational Agriculture, effective 2003/2004 academic year, will no longer exist. This amendment would have the constitution reflect that.

7.6 Proposed Amendment to Article 7 - #3

Move to add a second councilor to College of Agriculture; one for the College of Agriculture Degree Program and one for the College of Agriculture Diploma program.

AGM MOTION12: Faye Dokken/Ryan Moellenbeck Defeated.

Faye Dokken spoke for the amendment, as she believes that a second representative should continue with the College of Agriculture. It would make them a part of the University life. The two agriculture programs are very different and need two different representatives with two different voices.

Karen Leask spoke against the amendment because Agriculture already has one representative and will be properly represented.

????? spoke for the amendment, as the Diploma program will still need to be represented.

VP McDaid spoke for the amendment.

Philip Brost spoke against the amendment.

Will Robbins spoke for the amendment because the more representatives the better.

????? spoke for the amendment. It isn't increasing representation it is just maintaining.

???? spoke for the amendment and wanted to clarify that the College of Agriculture is a highly professional college.

Doug Rekimowich spoke for the amendment, as change is okay.

Neal Cantin spoke against the amendment.

Greg Florizone spoke for the amendment; a representative cannot be eliminated just because of a name change.

President Stehr spoke against the amendment.

Michelle Carriere spoke against the amendment.

Danny Zerr spoke for the amendment.

Rishi Behari spoke against the amendment.

Move to call the question.

AGM MOTION13: Darren Miller/Greg Florizone Carried.

7.7 Proposed Amendment to Article 8 - #1

Move to strike “acclaimed” and replace it with “elected”.

AGM MOTION14: Stehr/Jackson Carried.

President Stehr speaks for the amendment.

7.8 Proposed Amendment to Article 8 -#2

Move to add “..... credit units, three of which will be in the first term of regular session and three of which will be in the second term of regular session,....”.

AGM MOTION15: Stehr/Jackson Defeated.

President Stehr spoke for the amendment.

Tera Schneider asked if it would restrict the individual from carrying on with their duties.

President Stehr noted that the individual should be capable of handling it.

Michelle MacDonald spoke against the amendment. The Executive should have the option to take classes during the summer to allow them free time.

President Stehr stated that it wouldn’t affect their work.

Rishi Behari asked if an Executive actually has to pass the class or just register for it.

President Stehr clarified that a member on the Executive has to have good academic standing as stated in the Constitution Article #8. An Executive member needs to relate with students and live the student life.

Angela Altrogge asked a question regarding class scheduling.

Darren Miller spoke for the amendment.

VP Jackson stated that the most important part of being an Executive member is representing students and to be a student.

Tera Schneider asked a question regarding class scheduling.

Mitchell Spray spoke against the motion because the amendment does not address passing the class or attending the class.

President Stehr referred to the Constitution regarding good academic standing.

Darren Miller spoke for the amendment.

Shannon Whyley spoke against the amendment in regards to flexibility.

Move to call the question.

AGM MOTION16: Jeff McRae Carried.

7.9 Proposed Amendment to Article #12 - #1

Move to strike “must be submitted” and “Executive” to replace with General Manager or designate and also strike “Executive” and replace with General Manager or designate”. And in the second point, to add “After amendments to the constitution have been made, constitutional articles shall be renumbered accordingly.”.

AGM MOTION17: Stehr/Melissa Mellon Carried.

7.10 Proposed New Article

Move to add a new article #15 “Sustainability and Deconstruction”.

AGM MOTION18: Kevin Walby/Mary England Defeated.

Jack Mason spoke against the amendment as he feels it doesn’t have a place in the constitution.

Ryan Moellenbeck spoke against the amendment.

Anastasia Tataryn spoke for the amendment. There is a definite need to have something similar to this in the constitution because there are issues that need to be addressed.

Greg Frey spoke against the amendment.

Rishi Behari spoke for the amendment but doesn't agree that it belongs in the constitution and commends Kevin Walby for raising awareness.

Greg Florizone spoke against the amendment.

James Furlan spoke for the amendment but doesn't agree with the second statement.

VP Jackson spoke for the amendment but would like to see it brought to the Student Issues Board and presented to University Students' Council and to be looked at as a policy. She expresses that she doesn't feel that it should be a part of the constitution. The issues need to be dealt with.

VP McDaid encouraged Kevin Walby to continue to be involved. He speaks on the Captive Audience advertising in the washrooms.

Tyson McShane spoke for the amendment and makes reference to the constitution.

Move to call the question.

AGM MOTION19: Bill Martin/Dale Murray

Carried.

8. Questions and Comments for Executive (30 minutes)

Mary England expressed that they wanted the ideas to flow about ways of implementing environmental sustainability.

President Stehr replied that these issues are being discussed as VP Jackson is dealing with sustainability. Any comments are welcome.

Angela Altrogge states that our constitution is what we make of it and the constitution should reflect our beliefs.

Philip Brost spoke on the proposed amendment of an all-male executive.

VP Jackson thanked Philip Brost for the comment. She thanked Sierra Youth Coalition for their hard work.

Kirstin Deraldall thanked the USSU Executive and Staff for their hard work.

Anastasia Tataryn asked what is being done to address students with physical and mental disabilities, such as access to MUB.

President Stehr replies to the accessibility question. The Executive is looking into new funding to enhance access to the MUB.

VP Jackson states that the USSU Centres along with the USSU are concerned with issues and these centres exist to address specific issues.

VP McDaid states that he presently sits on the Aboriginal Sub-Committee and represents the students. He also speaks about computing issues and wheelchair accessibility.

Michelle MacDonald inquires on financial backing. She speaks on the loss that was shown in the financial documents.

VP Wong states that it technically wasn't a loss and Louis' will pull through.

President Stehr spoke on the budget process and Louis'.

Rishi Behari spoke on accessibility with MUB.

????? thanked the USSU Executive for their hard work.

9. Any Other Business

No other business.

10. Adjournment.

Move to adjourn.

AGM MOTION20: Tera Schneider/Jason Villeneuve

Carried.