

Special General Meeting

Minutes for Thursday, February 2, 2006

Present: Brent Thoma (Chair), Gavin Gardiner (President), Sarah Connor (VP Student Issues), Evan Cole (VP Academic Issues), Brett Campbell (VP Operations & Finance), Michael Kowalsky (VP External Affairs), Caroline Cottrell (General Manager), Amy Yeager (Student Services Coordinator), Kendra Wilkie (Confidential Secretary)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

SGM Motion01: Cole/Cody Lang Carried.

4. Proposed Bylaw 1 Amendments

4.1 Proposed Amendment to Article 5 – (Proposed Amendment #1, by Benjamin David)

Move to amend Bylaw 1, Article 5, 5.03 Members (ii) to read, “A quorum for any meeting of members shall be at least fifty (50) members. Of these members present, at least fifteen (15) members must be members of the University Students’ Council.”

SGM Motion02: Benjamin David/Wadena Burnett Carried.

Adam Watt asked how many USC members there are.

President Gardiner stated there are twenty-seven members.

Benjamin David stated it is lame when councilors are not present at USSU Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings. All council members should be required to attend and bring at least one person with them.

5. Proposed Bylaw 2 Amendments

5.1 Proposed Amendment to Article 5 – (Proposed Amendment #1, by USSU Executive)

Move to amend Bylaw 2, Article 5, 5.01 (vi) to include “Be responsible for representing the interests of international students and for working with the University on matters of international activities.”

SGM Motion03: Gardiner/Connor Carried.

5.2 Proposed Amendment to Article 2 – (Proposed Amendment #2, by USSU Executive)

Move to amend Bylaw 2, Article 2, 2.01(i) to include “Liaise with University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union Centres.”

SGM Motion04: Gardiner/Connor Carried.

6. Proposed Constitutional Amendments

6.1 Proposed Amendment to Article 10 – (Proposed Amendment #1, by USSU Executive)

Move to amend The Constitution, Article 10 to read “There shall be an annual general meeting of members of the of the University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union held between the first day of the winter term and the thirty-first day of January in each academic year. Members shall receive at least fifteen days notice of the Annual General Meeting.”

SGM Motion05: Gardiner/Connor Carried.

President Gardiner stated that this would change things a little bit. It would mean that the audited financial statements would not be presented until after Christmas. Many of the Executive duties do not begin until September. The Executive need time to work to the best of their portfolios. This may also increase voter turnout and students would have longer in the year to come up with amendments.

Adam Watt asked if the first day of the winter term is the first day of classes and how the fifteen days notice would be given to councilors.

Chair Thoma stated that the AGM could be held on January 31st and notice would need to be given on or by January 16th.

President Gardiner stated there is no notice in the Constitution for events put on by the Students’ Union.

7. Questions and Comments for Executive (30 minutes)

President Gardiner introduced Caroline Cottrell as the new USSU General Manager. Her first day of work will be Monday, February 6th.

Christopher Reid asked what the implications of the Elections Board not ratifying the CFS results where and what effect this would have on the Students’ Union.

President Gardiner stated that no one knows yet. The Elections Board has a meeting scheduled for Monday, February 6th and would be discussing this issue.

9. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

SGM Motion 06: Dave Pedersen/Cole Carried.