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Annual General Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 • 6:00pm • Medical Sciences Building rm. 2158, St. George Campus

IN ATTENDANCE

CAMPUS MEDIA:

Arbova, Nana, The Newspaper
Bredin, Simon, The Varsity
Cardoso, Tom, The Varsity
Clough, Wyatt, The Varsity
Hemmadi, Murad, The Varsity

Humphrey, Paul, The Varsity
Hutchison, Evan, The Salterrae
Osspic, Bernarda, The Varsity
Scott, Jon, The Varsity
Welt, Andrew The Newspaper

VOTING MEMBERS:

Abraham, Rachel Nicole
Abrahams, Stephanie
Abuoi, Mangar
Ahmed, Abdi Hassan
Akbari, Pargana
Aladesueu, Olukoye
Alal, Izzat
Alam, Sidra
Alim, Neghan
Al Kabarity, Aya
Alsaady, Jamal
Anastasufuj, George
Annaligam, Roshan
Asaad, Chia
Ataullahjan, Shaanzeh
Atyw, Alexandria
Azfar, Akid
Aziz, Albi
Bahizi, Fiacre
Bala, Abi
Ball, Katharine
Baqir, Fatima
Bearor, Margaret
Begum, Doly
Bir, Anita
Birch, Lauren
Bohnea, Arianne
Bollo-Kamara Yolen
Botlani, Rouya
Brockman, Jake
Capone, Amanda
Carter, Kayla
Cassar, Delphino Gilbert
Chantarpal, Mark
Chaudhary, Sitara
Chang, Brett
Chin, Shenice
Chohan, Aman
Cowan, Mike
Cudjoe, Abigail
Dadzie, Victoria
Defreirtas, Lincoln
Degenstein, Carly
De Silva, Kevin

DiCenzo, Daniel
Din, Neelam
Dunlop, Kathrine
Durand, Lucas
Edmond, Kevin
Elamin, Lena
El-Kadri, ruba
Elmankabady, Mohamed
Fabiano, Mariana
Farren, Kyle
Fisico, Francesco
Galang, Gabriel
Gallagher, Megan
Godoy, Sandra
Goo, Yuanpeng
Gupta, Kshitij
Gourlay, Nichol
Gowani, Reema
Hans, Harveen
Haque, Mohammad
Harvey, Rebecca
Hashiru, Baliqis
Hedges-Chu, Sarah
Henry-Butten, Yasmin
Heutan, Alexander
Ho, Clara
Hoedlmoser, Sarah
Husain, Gina
Ianni, Joseph
Ikram, Mashaal
Irimie, Anca
Izukaawa, Sean
Johal, Navdeep
Jong, Prescilla
Joseph, Aresell
Kape, Romina
Khan, Micheline
Khan, Saba
Khurshid, Ahbar
Korfman, Andreas
Krafman, Adir
Kriston, Thomas
Kyariakakis, Dimitri
Leach, Madison

Li, Hao
Li, Caroline
Lomax, Virginia
Lunianga, Kevin
Maceda, Zenee
Malik-Noor, Ali
Mandryk, Josh
Maregos, Katerina
Mateo, Angelo
Mazengwe, Brine
Melendez, Bernardo
Mintz, Noah
Msih, Darrel
Moazzami, Amir
Mohajir, Hiba
Mrore, Russell
Munyazangabo, Mariella
Mustafu-Bello, Ali
O'Brien, Anthony
Oof, Colleen
Park, James
Parkinson, Shauntel
Peher, Sandro
Penner, Steven
Pujalte, Andrea
Qu, Kathleen
Raja, Kevin
Rana, Noziyna
Raval, Jelum
Ravishancar, Nidhi
Resendes, Jonathan
Ripley, Alexander
Robson, Deryn
Rokhsefat, Sana
Rosado-Ferrari, Lisette
Rosado-Ferrari, Paula
Roxas, Mark
Rubino, Kayla
Sabga, Emile
Sajjad, Munib
Sandhu, Danielle
Santos, Filipe
Schmidt, Brent
Scott, Corey

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Scott, Jonathan
Scott, Michael
Shepherd, Shaun
Shilensky, Dan
Smalling, Danielle
Soliman, Marina
Solomon, Aden
Sousa, Kevin
Stanikowski, Nicole
Stefanidis, Maria
Tavoli, Rohail
Tavoos, Mahsima

Tally, Wazeer Edah
Teo, Michelle
Thompson, Christopher
Thurley, Tim
Trower, Maxwell
Ulakanathan, Nimalan
Umur, Yonca
Uppal, Keshav
Ursel, Andrew
Valelly, Jonathan
Vinu, Timo
Vollmer, Rachel

Walia, Zorawar
Warden, Jonathan
Warnica, Will
Winters, Madison
Wong, Liz
Yogahathan, Sethrarshana
Youssef, Yasmine
Yuen, Grace
Yung, Allen
Zhang, William

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 6:35 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: C. Scott

Be it resolved that the agenda for the November 15, 2011 U.T.S.U. Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstentions: Thurley, Korfmann

3. WELCOMING REMARKS & GUEST SPEAKER

Sandhu provides opening remarks. She introduces the Annual General Meeting guest speaker, James Nugent, executive member of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3902 bargaining unit.

Nugent explains CUPE3902's bargaining process and the requests being made by the Union. He explains the correlation between wages, inflation, and lecture, tutorial and lab sizes. He states that the main correlation is that learning conditions are tied to the working conditions of Teaching Assistants (TA). Nugent states that the University has refused demands of the Union such as providing more Teaching Assistant hours and fair wages. He states that the University is also trying to take away the guaranteed funding package, which legally protects TA salaries.

4. ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT

Sandhu states that the Annual General report is an opportunity to reflect on the work the Students' Union has done since the last Annual General meeting. She states that the Union has taken strides to unite and engage students across the Mississauga and St. George campus, as well as the Scarborough campus.

Sandhu states that the Union has focused on promoting and developing existing and new services. She states that the Union has implemented new member and club services such as two

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cent photocopying and clubs banner printing. She further states that cost-saving services are a vital part of a students' union's responsibility to make post-secondary education and extra-curricular activities more accessible. Sandhu states that Union continues to work with the University on developing an operating agreement for the Student Commons. She states that clubs funding was released in record-time this year.

Sandhu states that the Union has had a strong presence with events and programs. She states that the Union has worked on developing both large and small events that focus on engaging the UofT community and the different communities that exist on campus. She states that the Union strives to ensure marginalized perspectives and communities are represented within the programming.

Sandhu states that the Union has continued its advocacy on access to post-secondary education by focusing on provincial election advocacy with the Take-it-Over campaign. She states that the campaign has created a discussion around provincial and federal responsibilities of post-secondary education that has been tied into the National Day of Action on February 1, 2012. Sandhu states that there is strength in numbers by uniting with students across the University of Toronto, Ontario and Canada. She further states that the Union's work with building an equitable society has been coordinated through a variety of events and campaigns such as eXpression Against Oppression and the No Means No campaign.

Scott, M. asks why the executives have tied the promotional material for services to themselves.

Sandhu states that the executives have committed to making themselves accessible to members. She states that by associating services with executives through the "My UTSU" posters, members are able to associate student executives with services.

Bollo-Kamera states that the Liberal government had mislead voters during the provincial elections with the concept of a 30 percent reduction in tuition fees while actually providing a tuition fee rebate. She asks what the actual criteria of the rebate are.

Sandhu states that the tuition fee rebate does not apply to every student, and is limited to students of certain ages, graduation period from high school, program and enrollment status. She further states that the government has been unclear in the academic programs that students must be enrolled in to be eligible for the tuition fee rebate, specifically in the usage of the terminology "professional faculties." She states that the rebate does not equal 30 percent of any full-course degree program at the University of Toronto.

Resendes states that he would like to thank the UTSU for helping with the Take-it-Over campaign and increasing voter turn out at UTM. He asks what students can do in the intermediate time to keep students involved and engaged with the topic of tuition fees and access to education.

Sandhu states that it was inspiring to be a part of the Take-it-Over campaign. She further states that there is a lot of energy on campus because of the campaign and that students need to become further involved in the Education is a Right campaign and the National Day of Action on February 1, 2012.

Johal asks how the UTSU plans to address the high cost of education and its impact on marginalized communities.

Sandhu states that members actually shape the campaign and that the Union looks forward to working with coalition members to ensure the Education is a Right campaign represents a wide variety of voices.

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Schmidt states that he would like to commend this year's executive on the work they have done to promote campus life. He asks if there will be talk of changing campaign rules during elections.

Sandhu states that if members felt the need to change rules, they are certainly welcome to bring ideas forward to the Elections and Referenda Committee.

Abrahams states that she really enjoyed this year's eXpression Against Oppression. She asks what is being planned for the next semester's eXpression Against Oppression week.

Sandhu states that the Social Justice and Equity Commission organized the eXpression Against Oppression week. She states that members are welcome to provide input and shape the week for the next semester.

Korfmann asks for details on the costs associated with the Take-it-Over campaign. He asks if the union thinks its right to use student money to prop up other campaigns.

Sandhu states that commissions set their own budgets, and as such are open to members to shape the priorities of the Union. She further states that the Union takes an issues-based advocacy approach that is non-partisan. Sandhu states that the Take-it-Over platform evaluations were based on a pre-determined marking rubric. She states that each party was given an opportunity to update their platforms to better represent student concerns.

Cassar states that he is happy to see all the solidarity across the three campuses. He further states that no victory at Mississauga would be possible without the help of the UTSU. He asks about the Union's perspective on Provost Misak's "Towards 2030" document. He states that students are constantly situated with underrepresentation in governance bodies at the university.

Sandhu states that "Towards 2030" is a vision of privatization by stealth. She further states that though there are some positive items in the report, some of them are concerning for various stakeholders at the university. She further states that Provost Misak hosted three town halls – all of which were attended by representative of the UTSU. She further states that students, faculty and staff should be coming together and highlighting our concerns within the document.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: C. Scott

Be it resolved that the minutes from the 2010-2011 UTSU Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstention: Durand, Korfmann

6. RECEIPT OF THE 2010-2011 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: C. Scott

Be it resolved that the audited financial statements for 2010-2011 be received as presented.

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Scott, C. introduces the 2010-2011 audited financial statements. He introduces the 2010-2011 auditor, Lane Rasmussen from Yale and Partners.

Rasmussen presents and explains the audited financial statements in detail.

Scott, M. states that the audited financial statements show an increase in the budget for salaries and wages. He asks why the students' union seems to be profiting from metropass sales and what the \$80,000 in new inventory includes.

The auditor states that new inventory primarily includes TTC passes, which are sold quickly. He further states that although the TTC revenue line item exceeds expenses, it does not include the staff hours spent administering the program and the administrative and banking fees associated with metropass sales.

VOTE

CARRIED

Opposition: Scott, M.

Abstention: Korfmann

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2011-2012

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: C. Scott

Be it resolved that Yale and Partners be appointed as the external auditors for the University of Toronto Students' Union for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2012;

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee undertake a review of auditors to be reported at the next Annual General Meeting.

DISCUSSION

Scott, C. states that Yale and Partners have been recommended based on their familiarity with not-for-profit corporations that have a similar sized budget to the Union. He states that the auditors are also familiar with upcoming changes to the not-for-profit corporations act.

Kriston asks if the Union has looked into another auditing firm.

Sandhu states that it is common to keep auditors over the course of six years. She states that changing auditors on a yearly basis will result in increased expenses each year. She states that the Union can look into other auditing firms for future years.

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstention: Korfmann

8. APPROVAL OF UTSU BYLAW CHANGES

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: C. Scott

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Be it resolved that the University of Toronto Students' Union bylaw changes be accepted as adopted by the UTSU Board of Directors and presented in the Bylaw Amendment Package

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW I

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Article 13 be amended to read:

13. Definition of "Full-time undergraduate"

"Full-time undergraduate" shall mean any student registered for a full-time undergraduate study at the University of Toronto St. George or Mississauga campuses, in a program leading to a degree, diploma or certificate of the University, and taking no less than 3.0 full-time equivalent credits.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, Head Office be amended to read:

"The Head office of the Union shall be located at the University of Toronto St. George Campus, Toronto, Canada."

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW II

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, Article 2.a be amended to read:

2. Termination

- a. Membership in the Union is terminated when a member withdraws, is suspended or expelled from the University of Toronto or upon graduation from the University.

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW III

Be it resolved that Bylaw III, Article 1.3 be amended to read:

Notice shall be provided to members fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting in a campus publication and the Union website. Agenda and summary of financial position shall be published in conjunction with the notice. Financial statements and items pertaining to the Agenda will be available at the Union offices and website.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw III, Article 2.4 be stricken:

No Director may carry more than three (3) proxies.

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW IV

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV, Article 2 be amended to read:

All policy remains the policy of the Union until amended or rescinded.

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW V

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, article 3.c (ii) be amended to read:

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ii. Individuals elected as Faculty of Arts and Science At-Large representatives must be from separate constituencies.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V, article 3.d (ii) be amended to read:

ii. Individuals elected as Professional Faculty At-Large representatives must be from separate Professional Faculties.

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW VI

Be it resolved that Bylaw VI, Article 1, paragraph 1 be amended to read:

1. Elections and Referenda Committee

The Union shall maintain an Elections and Referenda Committee, which shall be responsible for the administration of all elections to fill Board of Directors positions. The Elections and Referenda Committee shall ensure that all elections occur in the manner prescribed by the Bylaws and the policies of the Union.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, Article 2.b (i) be amended to read:

i. Notice of the date of the elections and nomination procedure shall be given to members by campus publication and Union website at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the nomination period.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, Article 2. b (ii) be amended to read:

ii. a general election in the Fall Session, between September 20 and October 30 of each year, for the positions of Directors representing constituencies having an academic program for one year, and for any vacancies in the Board or Executive occurring before August 1 of any year.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, Article 3.c be stricken:

b. Only executive candidate may be elected at UTM

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW VII

Be it resolved that Bylaw VII be amended to read:

Duties and Responsibilities of the Board

The Board of Directors is the highest decision-making body of the Union that governs the daily advocacy and services. It consists of Directors elected by the membership to govern the affairs of the Union. Decisions made at the Board are final, unless rescinded.

The Board has the right to externalize any motions brought forth by a committee or commission, or to ratify or reject all actions of the committees and commissions with the following exceptions:

- Any staff or personnel issues;
- Any Elections and Referenda Committee actions, except for ratifying or rejecting funds allocated or expended by the Committee; and
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Be it further resolved that Bylaw VII, article 5.a be amended to read:

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The Board of Directors, can, with exceptions of staff and office policies, vary, add to, reassign or limit the powers and duties of the executives or individual members of the Executive Committee by a 2/3 majority vote of members present at the meeting of the Board, subject to provisions in these bylaws.

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW X

Be it resolved that Bylaw X, Article 4.a (ii) be amended to read:

ii. If the vacancy occurs on or after August 1 or once the Fall Session General Elections process has begun, the Executive Committee shall post the vacant position for no less than twenty (20) days, conduct an interview process and select no less than two (2) candidates to send to the Board of Directors for election.

DISCUSSION

Motions to amend Bylaw I, III, IV, V, VI, VII, X are externalized.

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstentions: Korfmann, Thurley

9. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW I

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: C. Scott

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Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, Head Office be amended to read:

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DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the Union wanted to clarify the definitions of membership to specify St. George and Mississauga students. She further states that the current head office is located at 12 Hart House but that the location will change in anticipation of the Student Commons.

Hoedlmoser states that students with registered disabilities have a different full-time course load definition within the university. He asks if those students are members of the Union.

Sandhu states that those students are included as members of the Union.

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CARRIED

Abstentions: Thurley, Korfmann

10. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW III

MOTION

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Seconded: C. Scott

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Be it further resolved that Bylaw III, Article 2.4 be stricken:

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DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that this proposed change hopes to clarify how notice is distributed and provided to members.

Scott, M. states that there is a specific definition as to what newspapers are. He says that without a clear definition it can be interpreted broadly. He further states that future students would not want to be involved. He states the particular clause states how many proxies are allowed, and that we should not create ambiguity, but ensure that there is a democratic process.

Walia states that as a student it is important to note that the newspaper is not the only way to advertise. He further states there are changes in mediums to reach students.

Korfmann states that he does not support the amendment, as there are newspapers everyone gets. He further states that someone could abuse the ambiguity.

Kriston states we should add additional publications. He asks what they refer to as specific publications.

Schmidt states that it he disagrees with the proposed amendment. He states that this move is an attempt to attack the Varsity, and that the proposed amendment is a power grab.

MOTION TO LIMIT DEBATE

MOTION

Moved: Resendes

Seconded: Youssef

Be it resolved that debate for the remainder of the meeting to be limited to three in favour and three opposed.

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In favour: 311

Opposed: 81

Noted opposition: Korfmann, Botlani, Capone, Farren, Scott, M.

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Sajjad states that there is a newspaper called "the Newspaper" which might make the current policy confusing. He further states that social media should also be taken into account and to keep up and be proactive in the Union's approaches.

MOTION TO DIVIDE QUESTION

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded: Thurley

Be it resolved that the question be divided.

VOTE

DEFEATED

Park states that using social media is not mutually exclusive from advertising in papers. He states that the bylaws already describe campus newspapers. He suggests that the Union would only advertise in small newspapers that would not reach the entire membership.

Sandhu states that she would like to clarify that the change was the language of campus newspapers to campus publications. She states that the amendment is not limiting the scope of advertising but broadening it to online components.

Schmidt states that the issue is with the overall bylaw, which he does not feel is being addressed.

Cassar states that the current language is limiting. He states that campus newspapers are often under read whereas online newspapers are on the increase. He states that broadening the language allows for greater flexibility.

Scott, M. states that the main issue is changing definitions that are referenced throughout the bylaws. He states that he believes no one is accusing the Union of abusing bylaws, but that broadening this definition can open the possibility.

VOTE

CARRIED

In favour: 343

Opposed: 83

Noted opposition: Scott, M., Botlani, Capone, Farren, Thurley

Abstentions: Korfmann, Urself

11. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW IV

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV, Article 2 be amended to read:

All policy remains the policy of the Union until amended or rescinded.

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the language clarifies the structures by which policy is amended or rescinded.

VOTE

CARRIED

Noted opposition: Botlani, Capone, Farren, Thurley

Abstentions: Scott, M., Korfmann

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Be it further resolved that Bylaw V, article 3.d (ii) be amended to read:

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DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the change is to clarify the language.

MOTION TO IMPLEMENT VOTE COUNT

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded: Dunlop

Be it resolved that the remainder of votes be conducted with a vote count.

VOTE

DEFEATED

MAIN MOTION

VOTE

CARRIED

Noted opposition: Korfmann, Thurley

Abstention: Scott, M.

13. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW VI

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c. Only executive candidate may be elected at UTM

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the amendment makes language consistent.

Schmidt that if the Union is serious about accessibility, the 14-day mark should be changed. He further states that it is dangerous to allow the Union to publish advertisements whenever it wishes.

MOTION TO DIVIDE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded: Ripley

Be it resolved that question be divided.

VOTE

DEFEATED

Scott, M. states that he is opposed to the amendment because of the publication aspect. He states that the campus newspapers are widely read sources on campus.

Ho states that she would like to clarify each of the resolutions. She states that the Board of Directors approves all guidelines set out by the Elections and Referenda Committee. She states that processes are set out in the Elections Procedures Code.

Thurley states that he is opposed to the terminology of campus publications. He states that he does not believe there is any nefarious intent behind the amendment.

Shepherd states that the purpose of the amendment is remove limitations on advertisements. He further states that the motion is actually trying to open up the ability to outreach to members.

MOTION TO EXTEND SPEAKERS LIST

MOTION

Moved: Cowen

Seconded: M. Scott

Be it resolved that the speakers list be extended for two in favour and two opposed.

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Noted opposition: Scott M, Botlani, Capone, Farren, Korfmann

Abstention: Thurley

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DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that this amendment focuses on clarifying language. She further states that the amendment wants to make Board of Director responsibilities clear in terms of language. She states that no substantial changes in their responsibilities were made.

Schmidt states that he does not like the amendment as he finds it uncomfortable with the current proxy regulations. He further states that clarifying language is not the problem. He states he is uncomfortable.

Sandhu states that board members are individuals who face similar problems and situations as other students. She states that board members should not be penalized due to more intensive programs, part-time work commitments and number of dependents. She further states that the Union should ensure ensure that the reassigning of duties is not arbitrary and is subject to provisions already outlines in the bylaws

VOTE

CARRIED

Noted opposition: Scott M, Botlani, Capone, Farren, Korfmann

Abstention: Thurley

15. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW X

Be it resolved that Bylaw X, Article 4.a (ii) be amended to read:

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DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the amendment focuses on matching timelines with previous amendments. She states that the election process is in the same as the elections process at the Board of Directors. She states that the current bylaws left a period where vacancies could not be filled by by-election or appointment.

Scott, M. states that the date extends the power of the Executive Committee. He further states that the current process is undemocratic.

Sousa states that students being elected by a certain constituency need to be represented by members of that constituency.

Dunlop asks why the interview process is part of the bylaws.

Farren states that he appreciates the Annual General Meeting and will be using it as a benchmark for the St. Michael's College Students' union AGM. He states that he thinks the amendment reduces the democratic aspect of what the positions are for. He does not feel that this respects the democratic process.

Sandhu states that the interviews are for positions that become open after by-elections. She states that the interview process is not a new process and is established by the Board of Directors and ratified at the Board of Directors. She further states that the representative would have to be from the constituency.

Ho states that the amendment outlines the timeline for the by-election process to take place. She further states that this amendment actually ensures that there is a representative on the Board if the by-election timeline has already passed. She further states that not filling the position would result in the position being elected in the following spring and vacant throughout the year.

Thomas states that this amendment ensures that students are actually represented year-round.

VOTE

CARRIED

Noted opposition: Scott M, Botlani, Capone, Farren, Korfmann

Abstention: Thurley

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Ianni

CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 9:25 pm.

Noted opposition: Scott M, Botlani, Capone, Farren

Abstentions: Korfmann, Thurley