

MEETING MINUTES



<p>DATE: February 12, 2018 TIME START: 17:40 TIME END: 19:10</p>	
<p>ATTENDANCE:</p>	
<p>Present: Jacou Allison, James Ashwell, Jelena Ivanovic, Bartosz Chmura, Emily Taylor, Nicole (Nayeon) Kwon, Tamami Ichimura, Ivy (Hei Yu) Chan, Alex Reeves, Michael DiLosa, Ryan Ngai, Rhea Hirji, Ryan Loi, Samuel Amoah, Longki Kwan, Lahn Robbins, Rizkibadr Rachiq</p>	
<p>Absent (from the Executive): Sydney Martin, Elizabeth Holjevac, Ty Brunet, and Hanna Leedy</p>	
<p>AGENDA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitution 2. DGD 3. Levy 	<p>ACTION ITEMS/IMPORTANT DATES:</p>
<p>1. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Main changes to the Constitution includes External and By-Laws regarding the Scholarship <p>External Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of events: Is second in command during 101-week, get sponsorships to help supplement ESA spending - Motion to ratify Directorship of External Affairs presented by VP Academic Affairs (Michael DiLosa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seconded by President (Alex Reeves) • All in favour: unanimous <p>Mandate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4.3.9.1 Is responsible for reaching out to potential, yearly sponsorships for any ESA related activities (included, but not limited to: 101-week, overnight trips, and ECON Week). - 4.3.9.2 Acts as a liaison between ESA and current ESA sponsors, to maintain relationship between ESA and sponsor. - 4.3.9.3 Works in conjunction with the VP of Internal Affairs to coordinate Rational Agents, and must in his capacity, be able to attend all events where rational agents are working - 4.3.9.3.1 In case of a scheduling conflict which prohibits him from attending an event in accordance with 4.3.9.3, prior notice must be given two (2) days in advance - 4.3.9.4 Acts as Director of Logistics for all major ESA events (included, but not limited to: 101-week, and overnight trips). 	<p>Michael DiLosa: To make the following amendments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The JVP clause to include “preference will be given to first year stands” which will include the transfer students who have the equivalent credits of a first year - VP Bilingual Clause 4.3.7.4: such that the ESA would change the internally developed francophone test to the SFUO administered test (ILOB) so that it is neutral and more professional - Director of Promotions Clause 4.3.11.1: such that “Mail” will be amended to “Material”

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- 4.3.9.5 In his capacity, must be available for the summer. This is defined as attending 80% of mandatory ESA and SFUO meetings.

Question (brought up by Samuel Amoah): What are the leads to get this directorship in the team in time?

- It was brought up that there has been trouble getting directorships in the executive team in time
- The main concern is the speed of the appointment and the definition of the position. If it is a directorship, the gravity of the position may be watered down as historically, directors do not generally show up for the summer
- It was proposed we should add a sub-section in which the directorship needs to be elected by a certain time

Rebuttal (from VP Academic Affairs):

- The reason why Externals are supposed to be here during the summer, is because they are supposed to be in the planning stage of 101-week in accordance with their mandated role as second-in-command for the VP Social Affairs
- Application process needs to be done before May 20th (Constitution section 4.1.3.4), and thus would provide sufficient time to allow a qualified candidate to be selected

By Law 2

2.3.1

Proposed Amendment (brought up by Samuel Amoah): There should be a definition of what a Rational Agents are and their appointments are from the central body that appoints the Rational Agents

Rebuttal (brought up by Ivy Chan): There is a definition of the Rational Agents in the Constitution (brought up in section 2.3.1)

By Law 3

Clarification on the purpose of written resolution = if an email is a sent, giving the same power of an online referendum

By Law 4

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Question (asked by James Ashwell): Would transfer student be able considered “newly applicants” and thus be able to apply as a JVP?

Rebuttal (Michael DiLosa): Yes

- Motion: to include “preference will be given to first year stands” to include the transfer students who have the equivalent credits of a first year
 - Alex Reeves to second the motion
 - All in favour: unanimous

Question (asked by Samuel Amoah): Are Directors allowed to put recommendation forward in motion, even if they are not allowed to vote?

Answer (Alex Reeves): Any member at large can make a motion that can be made at the next meeting, and therefore Directors are included in this

Question (asked by Samuel Amoah): Since the Director of External Affairs is unofficially director of logistics, could it be that they will need a Vice-Director given they have a large jurisdiction

Answer (given by multiple Executives – Jelena Ivanovic, Ivy Chan, Michael DiLosa, and Alex Reeves)

- They are sub-logistics to the VP that is running the event (i.e., sub-logistics to VP Internal during New York), and they do not have to be logistics all the time, and we request they look for sponsorships in between the time.

Clarification on section 4.3.1.10.2 of the newly amended Constitution (Asked by James Ashwell):

4.3.1.10.2: *“any ruling under 4.3.1.10 can be overturned by a two thirds majority vote of the executive, with the vote of either the president or the VP Finance”*

Any financial decisions are to be made in conjunction with VP Finance, and therefore cannot single handedly make a financial decision. However this can be overturned with the 2/3 of majority of the exec

- **Question (asked by Rizkibadr Rachiq):** Is there a minimum amount that can or cannot be brought to the vote?

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- **Answer (Alex Reeves):** No, all transfer of funds are subject to the a vote. However, there are pre-approved amount where the executives can spend in which are outlined by a budget. Receipts are given to the finance, after filling the breakdown.

Clarification on section 4.3.1.7 of the newly amended Constitution (Asked by Nicole Nayeon Kwon):

4.3.1.7: *“Any candidate wishing to run for President must have previously held a position on the Executive.”*

- It was suggested that the ESA specify a length of time in which VPs and Directorships hold the position in order to run for presidency.
- It was brought up that in order to be president you must have at least accumulated some experience before the presidency. However, the time duration in which a candidate is supposed to hold a position before running for presidency is vague. Our fall back plan with by-elections do not adequately provide us with candidates with the qualifications.
- **Rebuttal (Alex Reeves):** If students vote in the position, then this is decided by a democratic vote and is thus the elected candidate holds the trust that the job will be done well by the students.
 - **Rebuttal (Nicole Nayeon Kwon):** It is a popularity contest, and it is not guaranteed that these candidates would be qualified. Since not all positions carry the requirement of serving for a previous year, the gravity is much lower
- It was brought up the president acts as a safety net in which new executives can be go to the president and ask for guidance in how previous years were run
- **Recommended (Lahn Robbins):** In order to run for president, 80% of the meetings should be attended
 - **Rebuttal (Nicole Nayeon Kwon):** When does the 80% start and end? A director could serve for two months and attend all meetings and thus could have attended 100% of the meetings during their short-time
- Limiting with the candidates with this clause. It is a restrictive clause, that does not allow the entire student body to run

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- **Recommended (Jelena Ivanovic):** The experience requirement should be dropped if no one runs for the elections
- It was brought up that it should be a requirement that can be amended if qualifications are not met
- **Question (asked by James Ashwell):** At what point do we say that no one is qualified?
 - **Rebuttal (Alex Reeves):** This would be concluded after the nomination period (?), where a third party (the CEO) approves it
- **Question (asked by Jelena Ivanovic):** Is it possible to open the application process up to everyone (even candidates without the experience).
 - **Rebuttal (Michael DiLosa):** We can appoint the CEO this power
- **Question (asked by Rizkibadr Rachiq):** Does the president appoint the CEO?
 - **Rebuttal (Alex Reeves):** Yes, a pool of candidates gets brought to the executive, and there is a consensus. However, the president has the final say
- **Recommendation (James Ashwell):** Add a clause where it outlines the terms should the President run for a second term
- **Recommended (Nicole Nayeon Kwon):** Outline to the President needing to serve at least half a term
- **Recommended (Rizkibadr Rachiq):** We can outline that a candidate must serve a “full term” in the qualifications and in the discretion of the CEO, if he proves that the ESA does not have another option but unqualified candidate then they may proceed with the unqualified candidate
- **To be discussed at the next executive meeting**

VP Academic

Clarification on section 4.3.5.5 of the constitution:

4.3.5.5 “Is chair of the selection committee for the ESA Scholarship”

- VP Academic Affairs, appoints two professors and two master students to be on the scholarship board
- Should the VP Academic disagree on the majority vote on who receives the scholarship, the majority vote will win

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Vp Bilingual

- **Recommended (Jelena Ivanovic):** The ESA should change the internal administered francophone test as outlined in the subsection 4.3.7.4

4.3.7.4 *“In his capacity, must have a working capacity of both official languages. This capacity shall be determined by the former Vice President of Bilingualism and Outreach with an ESA administered bilingualism test.”*

- The ESA should change the test to the SFUO administered test (ILOB) so that it is neutral and more professional
- **Motion (Michael DiLosa)** to change the francophone administered test to the SFUO test
- **Seconded by Alex Reeves**
- All in favour: unanimous

Director of Promotions

Amendments to 4.3.11.1 *“Is responsible for the graphic design of all ESA publications, including but not limited to posters, multimedia and the yearly 101 week mail-out destined to all new incoming Economics Students.”*

- **Motion (Michael DiLosa):** “Mail” will be amended to “Material”
- **Seconded by Alex Reeves**
- All in favour: unanimous

JVP

- **Recommended (Jelena Ivanovic):** The ESA should implement a mechanism to monitor that the separate meetings JVPs have
- It was recommended that rotating execs should monitoring them
- It was brought up that as long as the executive meetings then it is redundant
- **Recommended (Rizkibadr Rachiq):** It is recommended that motions and agendas are to be sent before the GA
- The amendments need to be translated before posted
- All executives vote on the motions next executive meeting

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<p>//At this point, we lose quorum, so that everything brought up afterwards. The constitution will be ratified up to Section 4.4 inconclusive//</p>	
<p>2. DGD</p>	
<p>3. Spending/Levy</p>	