

Minutes #16

Emergency Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2017 @ 9:00am – CSA Boardroom



In Attendance: Ryan Shoot, Emily Vance, Karly Rumpel, Claudia Idzik, Courtney Tait, Paula Boubel, Michaela Spencer, Spencer McGregor, Olivia Boonstra, Kate Schievink, Lacy Droste, Natalie Chow, Lindsey Fletcher, Aidan Paskinov, Nicholas Kowaleski, Elizabeth Cyr, Jay Rojas, Allison Arnold, Jack Fisher

Regrets: Joshua Ofori-Darko, Matthew Hernandez, Mohamed Ahmed, Michael Cameron, Chirag Patney

Absent: Razan Alshamali, Beth Whan, Ryan Bowes, Jamal Demeke, Alexandra Bogolowski

Chair: Ryan Shoot

Scribe: Tanya Vohra

Overview of Motions

16.2.1. Motion to Approve the Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda

Moved: Lindsey Fletcher

Seconded: Nick Kowaleski

Motion carried as amended.

16.3.1. (Action) By-Election

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Moved: Aidan Paskinov

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16.2.Adoption of the Agenda

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16.3.Business

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16.5.Announcements

16.6.Adjournment

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16.0 Call to Order

Called to order at 9:04 am

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Land Acknowledgement given by Aidan Paskinov.

16.2.Adoption of the Agenda

16.2.1. Motion to Approve the Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda

Moved: Lindsey Fletcher **Seconded:** Nick Kowaleski

Motion: To add 16.3.3. (In-camera) (Info) C&CA Leave

Moved: Ryan Shoot **Seconded:** Lindsey Fletcher

Amendment carried.

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Nicholas: Why are we striking “in the Fall semester”? What that will allow us to do is appoint people to the board without having a Fall by-election...?

Lindsey: Takes off the restriction of when we can hold a by-election. Speaking to the exec, they said it would be in our best interest.

Nicholas: That last point speaks to allowing us to appoint people to the board without an election which in the past we have only done after the by-election.

Spencer: There is a part in the bylaws that says if you are under three execs there is a process where you can move forward to get another one. For that reason, since we have 3 commissioners, I don't think we should move forward with any of these motions. Also we have worked with 3 of 5 commissioners before. Also, are we hiring a PTM or GM?

Motion: To call the question

Moved: Aidan Paskinov **Seconded:** Lindsey Fletcher

Motion fails.

Natalie; Something important to keep in mind as to why we are doing this right now is that, usually – yes, we would run with 3 of 5 execs but because we've switched to a hierarchal model, we are missing the guy at the top. Bylaws are not meant to be in place for situations like this

Olivia: I want to speak to what Spencer brought up. If there are less than 3, this automatically kicks in. I am worried we are doing this situationally...this feels very reactionary which I understand but I am hesitant as to what this might mean in the future. While we do need a president, in the future this applies to all exec and if we didn't get another exec we could use this process. Especially in this part of the semester when people are working on exams... worried we won't get voter turn out and applicants. Also concerned about the third section because it does sound like you could have appointments without any by-election.

Elizabeth: Just to clarify... what is the timeframe?

Ryan: Nominations open today. Candidates meeting 24th. The timeline is the following motion / next agenda item.

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Elizabeth: I understand that we need to fill this position but I think this is a bit rash and I don't know how effective it will be to have students try to elect someone before exams

Emily: As someone who was elected in by-election in the fall, it was very hard coming in to the position half way through and we saw the effect it had on the execs who were brought-in in May. Missing *any* execs really hurts all of the executives. I am very in favour of this. I think we need everyone on board going forward.

Aidan: Many are speaking to the larger issue of us constantly amending bylaws but we have seen it this year... We passed the bylaw restructure but the bylaws have not been amended to match the restructure because we do not have a PTM... so we are passing all these bylaws to repair the ship. When we have the new PTM, we can get a new ship but the current bylaws speak to have 5 execs and not a presidential hierarchal structure. This needs to go forward. I am in favour.

Lindsey: To the 2nd and 3rd point, we were trying to be more flexible with when the by-election will be held. It does not say that we cannot hold a 2nd one in the Fall because there are first years that are coming in who may want to run. It just adds the flexibility to hold it at any point in time. We always have another.

Spencer: To do with the last point, I am part of the UC board as well. There is a recommendation to move to voting structure. I think the 3rd point may interfere with the other policy. This might not be in sync with other policies on campus. I think we should align with the UC in that way. I think it is important to note that the CSA has worked as a non-hierarchal structure for decades and I don't think the CSA will fall apart with the new structure. This is not something real yet. I think that is belittling the VPs.

Motion: To amend the motion to read:

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Moved: Nicholas Kowaleski **Seconded:** Natalie Chow

Lindsey: To me this sounds like the CSA Board of Directors are the only ones allowed to vote in the by-election.

Nicholas: We are opening it up to not have a specific date, it can just be held whenever, so I think we should say the Board must vote for when to have the by-election.

Ryan: No, you're wrong. Because the Board of Directors still has to vote on the All Candidates Package.

Motion: Call the question

Moved: Jay Rojas

Seconded: Lindsey Fletcher

Motion carried.

Amendment fails.

Natalie: Point of Information - I am not understanding what people are saying that we can have a fill by appointment before the by-election.

Lindsey: I think what they're saying is that they want to have a by-election in the fall semester as well, prior to appointments because they want to give any incoming students an opportunity to be elected. Which, to clarify again, it doesn't restrict us from holding another one in the fall, it just allows us to hold one now or in any semester or more than once to fill the seats to have a solid full board.

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Spencer: I think the things we are trying to pass right now might have implications in bylaw and policy that we haven't reviewed and maybe we aren't patching up a sinking ship but drilling holes.

Jay: We are a sinking ship. Have been for 2-3 years which is why we are moving to a hierarchal structure. The reason we have a hierarchy is to ensure that if we are missing a commissioner at this time, the responsibilities are not dissipated or ignored but will be delegated between other execs, PTM or GM. I am in favour of this motion and hope other directors are as well. Having a board without this position for 6-7 months is not ideal. I have been in this position for 2-3 months and feel like I have accomplished nothing. The summer is the perfect time to prep, especially for upcoming Town Halls, AGM etc.

Motion: To call the question

Moved: Lacy Droste

Seconded: Lindsey Fletcher

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Seconded: Lindsey Fletcher

Lindsey: In following the previous motion passed, we are hoping to pass this timeline. Have talked to the CEO and AEO and they have said this timeline will work for them.

Courtney: Is this the same amount of timeline used in previous elections?

Lindsey: It is slightly shorter in order to allow students to not have to campaign during exams

Motion: To amend campaign period to extend until April 5

Moved: Nicholas Kowaleski **Seconded:** Spencer McGregor

Nicholas: At the CSA, our precedence has been to allow campaigning to continue during voting to get quorum.

Amendment carried.

Motion carried.

16.4.New Business

16.4.1. (Info) (in-camera) C&CA Leave

16.5. Announcements

16.6. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Moved: Lindsey Fletcher

Seconded: Courtney Tait

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on _____ Date: _____

Signed _____ Date: _____

Ryan Shoot
Interim Chair, March 20th, 2017

Signed _____ Date: _____

Emily Vance
External Affairs, 2016-2017